Luce in Bahrain, cuts Qatar visit

BAHRAIN (R) — Britain's minister of state for foreign affairs, Richard Luce, arrived here from Kuwait Tuesday for a brief visit and talks with Bahraini leaders, officials said. Mr. Luce, who has also visited Damascus, had been scheduled to visit the Gulf state of Qatar but he cut short his tour because of the situation in Lebanon and was flying home late Tuesday night. The officials said his talks here would cover Lebanon, the Gulf war and other Middle East issues. Before leaving Kuwait, Mr. Luce told a news conference Britain supported the right of peacekeeping forces in Lebanon to self-defence but urged maximum restraint.

British opposition to Lebanon role rises, page 2



'Obeidat urges Arab support of Iraq

AMMAN (J.T.) - Interior Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat said Tuesday that any "aggression on Iraqi territory is directed against the whole Arab Nation, its dignity and its right to live in peace and security," the Jordanian News Agency. Petra, reported from Baghdad. Mr. 'Obeidat. who was speaking at a meeting with Iraqi journalists, said that the current Arab interior ministers' meeting in Bagndad assumes a "significant importance because Arab secunity reflects the character and nature of the Arab Nation's political, economic social and cultural security." Petra said. Earlier. Mr. Obeidat met with Iraqi Interior Minister Sa'doun Shaker and discussed bilateral co-operation and co-ordination of Jordanian-Iraqi efforts to safeguard Arab interests and security, the agency said. The Arabimerior ministers meeting, which opened Monday. consigued Tuesday.

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Israelis arrest 18 Palestinians

TEL AVIV (R) -- Israeli security forces arrested 18 Palestinians during the night at the West Bank refugee camp of Al Aroub for hurling stones at military vehicles. military officials said Tuesday. Security officials said the 18 Palestinians also had stoned Israeli vehicles in previous incidents.

Beirut English daily reappears

BEIRUT (R) - The Englishlanguage Daily Star newspaper appeared again on the streets of Beirut Tuesday, eight years after it was closed by heavy street fighting in the city. The Daily Star, founded in 1952, ceased publication at the height of the 1975-76 civil war when staff could no longer reach its downtown offices. The Daily Star said the last edition to be published was on Dec. 6, 1975, eight years ago to the day.

New Turkish Cypriot assembly convenes

NICOSIA (R) — The selfproclaimed Turkish Cypriot republic's new constituent assembly met for the first time Tuesday to begin preparing a constitution for the internationally-condemned state. The old elected 40-seat legislature in the Turkish sector of the divided island voted last week, despite strong opposition from leftist parties, to dissolve itself and form instead a 70-seat constituent assembly.

Klibi briefs Iraqi president

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi Tuesday discussed the Gulf war and the Middle East situation, the Iraqi News Agency reported. Hussein on his contacts with other Arab countries on fixing a new date for an Arah summit due to have been held in Riyadh last month, which was postponed because of inter-Arab differences.

One charged for London gold robbery

LONDON (R) - A security officer was charged Tuesday with complicity in Britain's biggest robbery, the theft of £26.4 million (S38 million) in gold and diamonds. Anthony Black, 31, who worked in a security firm's warchouse where the 6.800 stolen gold bars were stored, was charged before a London magistrates' court. Early last Nov. 26, six hooded men with pistols took the haul from the warehouse near London's Heathrow airport after forcing the guards to help them bypass the security system.

McGovern says U.S. led to war

CHICAGO (R) - Democratic countries, the official BTA news presidential candidate George agency quoted the newspaper as McGovern said Tuesday that President Reagan was leading the United States into war. "We're in positions this week was a "gross" war in all but name in the Middle and flagrant provocation" against East right now." Mr. McGovern Mideast peace and security and part of a U.S.-Israeli strategy told a Chicago meeting. "I'm fully convinced they (the Reagan admworked out during Israeli Prime inistration) are taking the country Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit to straight into war." Washington last week, the Bulgarian army daily Narodna Arm-

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Arafat loyalists, rebels both claim responsibility

4 killed, 46 injured in Jerusalem explosion

Israeli drones downed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Four people were killed and 46 injured when a bomb exploded on a crowded bus in the Jewish area of Jerusalem Sunday and rival groups of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) claimed responsibility for the blast.

off the single-decker bus, hurling wreckage 100 metres and injuring passengers in another bus behind. Many of the injured suffered serious burns and internal injuries, doctors said.

The explosion aboard the bus occurred on a busy, four-lane road near an Israeli military cemetery in the western part of Jerusalem. One of the injured, her face smeared with blood, told Reuters:

"I was sitting in the front of the bus. It all just blew up.' In the past, Palestinian gue-

Syria says 2

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria said it

shot down two pilotiess Israeli

drones flying over Syrian positions

in eastern Lebanon and southern

The official Syrian news

agency SANA quoted a military

spokesman as saying the two dro-

nes were intercepted by Syrian air

One of the two planes was bro-

ught down in the Anjar area of

eastern Lebanon, near the Syrian

border, and the other in Deir Al

Addas in southern Syria, it said.

Lebanese military sources ear-

er said one Israeli drone on a

reconnaissance mission was shot

down by a surface-to-air missile

over the Syrian-held Bekaa Valley

in eastern Lebanon Tuesday mor-

U.S. action

V(ENNA (R) — Bulgaria and

Czechoslovakia said Tuesday the

U.S. bombing of Syrian positions

in Lebanon was aimed at securing

the region for military action aga-

inst the Soviet bloc and accused

Washington of waging a second

The official Bulgarian new-

spaper Otechestven Front said the

U.S. military presence in Lebanon

was part of "global strategic plans

for establishing a network of mil-

itary bases in proximity of the Sov-

iet Union and the socialist cou-

Washington's intention was to

convert the Middle East into a

launching pad for military ope-

rations against the Warsaw Pact

saying.
The U.S. bombing of Syrian

In Prague, the Czechoslovak

Communist Party daily Rude

Pravo said: "The U.S. bombing

bore the same characteristics as

the earlier shelling of Lebanese

mountains from U.S. ships and as

the U.S. air cannibalism in Vie-

ive to end the Israeli occupation

(of Lebanon) but it does just the

Stalinist Albania, which attacks

both superpowers equally as imp-

U.S.-Israeli military co-ordination

erialists, also compared the U.S

opposite," Rude Pravo said.

action to the Vietnam war.

East bloc

assails

Vietnam war.

iya added.

defences and shot down.

Syria Tuesday.

The explosion blasted the roof rrillas have planted small bombs in Israeli buses, shops and other public places. Often they have been detected before exploding and rarely have they caused heavy casualties in recent years. Jerusalem police chief Rah-

amim Comfort said a number of suspects had been arrested but he gave no details. Israel has declared all Jerusalem, including the Arab eastern sector occupied in 1967, as its

"eternal capital" but the claim is not recognised by other countries. Eyewitnesses said Tuesday's

Lebanon's right-wing Falangist

radio said an Israeli jet had also

been shot down and the pilot taken prisoner, but the SANA

report made no mention of this.

aeli military spokesman said a pil-

otless israeli drone on a rec-

onnaissance mission was shot

down Tuesday over Lebanon's

said a second plane was app-

arently shot down but it was not

Israeli. They said the pilot of the

second plane parachuted and was

Syria 'can adjust balance of

power' in Middle East

destroyed a fortified position east

of their posts at Beirut airport

Tuesday after they took sustained

machine-gun fire from it. a Marine

The Marines suffered no cas-

The spokesman, Major Dennis

Brooks, said a U.S. tank was

among the weapons which blasted

the position. He explained that the

Marines could not respond merely

with machine-guns since the hos-

tile post was fortified against such

said, "but we couldn't go out to see if we got anybody. We have no

way of knowing if we inflicted any

"This should indicate we are

Meanwhile, Muslims in several

near-bankrupt European Com-munity (E.C.) was thrown into

deeper uncertainty Tuesday when

a summit conference of the 10

member nations failed to agree on

vital reforms to its finance and

The two-day meeting did not

even produce a final communique.

and British Prime Minister Mar-

garet Thatcher said the com-

munity might have to wait until it

actually ran out of money before

showing willingness to take action.

half of next year, if no action is

The summit left open the que-

stion whether there should be ano-

ther top-level gathering before the

next community summit in Bru-

Both Mrs. Thatcher and West

German Chancelier Helmut Kohl

warned that any further meeting

taken, diplomats said.

ssels in March.

This will happen in the second

farm policies.

Uncertainty hangs over

orepared to return fire if we take

"We took out the threat," he

spokesman said.

ualties, he said.

fire.

casualties.

DAMASCUS (R) — State-run cess, page 2

U.S. Marines in Beirut

'destroy' hostile gun base

Well-informed Israeli sources

Bekaa Valley.

In occupied Jerusalem, an Isr-

other side of the street. charred wreckage, their faces cut Musa (Abu Musa). by flying splinters.

Responsibility claims

Rival wings of the PLO both claimed responsibility for the blast. Supporters of embattled PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat made the claim in a statement reported by the PLO news agency WAFA and issued in Nicosia.

WAFA quoted a Palestinian military spokesman as saying the bomb was planted by a guerrilla unit of the "Martyr Halim" com-

But a spokesman for the Syrian-backed rebel movement against Mr. Arafat later told Reuters in Damascus that the raid was carried out by the "Martyr Bajes Abu Atwan" group.

The spokesman, who declined

It said that Syria - which has a

treaty of friendship and co-

operation with the Soviet Union

necessary means to adjust the bal-

ance in the region following the

It warned the Arabs against

new aggressive U.S.-Israeli all-

hostility against the Arabs."

Tuesday to show their disgust at a

car bomb explosion which ripped

through rushhour traffic Monday,

killing at least 14 people and inj-

Most shops and banks in the

mainly Muslim western sector of

the capital were shuttered. Many

children arrived for classes to find

their schools closed for the day.

Schoolchildren were among the

victims of the blast which struck

the densely-populated district of Tariq Al Jdideh at rushhour Mon-

Beirut newspapers put the

Exchanges of small arms fire

between the Lebanese army and

Druze militias in the hills east of

Beirut resumed Tuesday morning

after a two-hour artillery clash

death toll at between 14 and 16

dead and up to 100 wounded.

uring up to 100.

day morning.

- "is not incapable of finding the

U.S.-Israeli accord.

part of the anti-Arafat rebel mov-Others were dragged from the ement headed by Colonel Sa'eed

Neither "Martyr Halim" nor "Martyr Bajes Abu Atwan" were identified. Palestinian guerrilla groups are usually called after a fallen fighter.

WAFA said the statement was released from the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli, last refuge in Lebanon of Mr. Arafat.

Mr. Arafat is besieged by Syrian-backed Palestinian rebels who accuse him of abandoning the fight against Israel.

The WAFA statement said: Under instructions of the general command of the Palestine revolution's forces to guerrilla units in the occupied territories, a gue-rrilla unit of 'Martyr Halim' was able to detonate explosive charges inside an Israeli military bus.

The statement said more than 40 Israeli military personnel were killed in the blast.

U.S. seeks U.N. help Damascus Radio said Tuesday Syria would have the means to adjust the balance of power in the to release Middle East following the new

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The United States has asked United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cueilar to help secure the release of an American pilot whose plane was downed by a Syr-

captive pilot

what it said was "the disaster waiting for them should Arab ind-Syria has said it would not free ifference continue in the face of the U.S. alliance with Israel and its the navy pilot, Lieutenant Robert Goodman, 27, until U.S. forces left Lebanon, where a Marine contingent is serving with a mul-Pentagon says Lebanon raid a suc-

ian missile over Lebanon on Sun-

tinational force. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. representative to the U.N., asked for help in freeing the captured pilot during a meeting Monday night with Mr. Perez de Cuellar.

"I asked the secretary general to lend his good offices to help in any appropriate way with the release of the American crew member who is now being held captive by the Syrians," she told reporters.

Lt. Goodman's crew mate. Lt. Walter Lange, 26, was killed, while the single flier aboard, a second downed navy plane was picked up and returned to his unit.

The two planes were shot down during raids by 28 carrier-based aircraft against Syrian emplacements said to have fired on American reconnaissance flights

the previous day.

Ms. Kirkpatrick said she told the secretary general the flights had been authorised by the Lebanese government and that Syria had been informed about them in advance, eliminating any possibility of misunderstanding.

The U.S. would again take appropriate defensive action "if, in the, we hope, remote event that our forces should be fired upon again," she added.

In addition to the air activity, eight U.S. Marines were killed during the shelling of Beirut airport on Sunday and U.S. warships returned the fire. At least 14 civilians died in a car bombing Mou-

says, page 2

OIC conference opens with calls for Islamic unity, end to conflicts

DHAKA (R) — Islamic foreign ministers opened a five-day meeting Tuesday with calls to help to settle the Cyprus problem, end the Iran-Iraq war and resolve the conflict that has torn apart the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Bangladesh's military ruler. Hossain Mohammad Ershad, described the three-year-old Gulf war as "a gaping wound in the body politic of Islam."

"If we do not end this war we will all bleed to death," he said. In a strongly-worded address to the 41-member ministerial meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), he underscored a need to close Muslim

"Such co-operation is the bedock on which we can build our political strength," he said. Appealing for more than speyear-old general who took power in a bloodless coup in March last year said the ministers must set about strengthening the OIC ahead of a summit meeting in Morocco next month.

Urging both Iran and Iraq to end their conflict, he said he would personally make every effort to help to stop it.

He blamed bickering and internal divisions in Islamic states forwhat he said was a lack of achievement by the Muslim nations on issues like Palestine, Lebanon and the recovery of Jerusalem since the first Islamic summit 14 year ago.

The theme of a need for Islamic unity was taken up by Bangladesh Foreign Minister A.R. Shams-Ud Doha, who was elected chairman of the conference.

He said: "Divisive forces have last month.

eches and resolutions, the 53- been unleashed in our own Islamic World... the blood of Muslims has been shed by their own brethren despite the solemn injuction of Islam prohibiting fratricidal con-

PLO high on agenda

The minister said the conference would tackle 94 issues. with the PLO rift high on the age-

But conference sources said the ministers were expected only to urge unity among Palestinians rather than get deeply involved in the issues behind the conflict between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and the Syrian-backed rebels in his Fateh group.

The conference chairman called for a peaceful settlement in Cyprus, where the Turkish community unilaterally proclaimed a republic

Tripoli evacuation deal reportedly close

FRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Mortar and machinegun fire erupted on the edges of Tripoli Tuesday as its elder statesman said he was about to announce details of an evacuation by guerrillas loyal to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The mortar rounds sent clouds of smoke billowing into the sky from the Ba'al Mohsen and Tabbaneh quarters, where Mr. Arafat's local allies face a militia supported by Syria and pro-Syrian rebels in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Six people were killed and 15 wounded in the fighting, said state-run Beirut Radio. It did not distinguish between civilians and

In other parts of the north Leb-

heavily armed Palestinian guerrillas idled on street corners.

The loyalists, who moved into the city after losing Baddawi to the rebels last month, are expecting to leave by sea as soon as Lebanese mediators have settled details of the evacuation.

Beirut press reports said Mr. Arafat has already chartered five Greek ships to take his men to Tunis and North Yemen.

In Damascus, former Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami. the Tripoli politician heading the mediation team, said he might announce the final arrangements

within 48 hours. The lovalists would then wit-

refugee camp at nearby Baddawi. stipulated in a Saudi-Syrian peace package, he told reporters.

Mr. Karami said his plan contained all the guarantees needed to ensure the operation went smoothly, but he added that it was up to the Palestinians to decide who would supervise the refugee camps at Baddawi and Nahr Al Bared.

Mr. Arafat wants the rebels to let him reopen offices in the camps and had expected Mr. Karami to come up with some assurance that he could do so. Rebel officers Fuesday reaffirmed that they opposed any pro-Arafat presence in the camps.

West Bank Palestinians continue

hdraw within the two-week period to support Arafat, page 2 anese port and in the rebel-held Turkish military rulers step down

nation in which he said the council

had fulfilled all promises it made

after seizing power on Sept. 12.

1980, including the pledge to res-

has done whatever was good for

the country... it hands over its dut-

"The National Security Council

tore democracy.

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's ruling generals officially stepped down Tuesday after more than three power and President Kenan Evren, leader of the 1980 coup, said they handed over to elected parliament with "easy

The 399-member legislature. voted in at general elections on Nov. 6, completed appointing parliamentary officers, a process which under the constitution brought to an end the rule of the military National Security Council

hearts.

(NSC). Gen. Evren is expected formally to call on Turgut Ozal, leader of the majority conservative Motherland Party, to form the new government Wednesday. Mr. Ozal, a former minister in charge

of the economy, will lead the first

The delegations met for a little

offices here and lunched together shortly afterwards at the Soviet 'Villa Rosa'', about one kilometre away.

A U.S. spokesman said the next meeting of the Strategic Arms Reducation Talks (START) would be held on Thursday at the Soviet mission but gave no further details.

Karpov gave no direct answer when reporters asked him if the current round, which began on

serve. their roles as commanders of the

ies with great peace of mind and easy hearts," Gen. Evren said. Gen. Evren is installed as president, with enhanced powers under the brand new constitution.

for the next six years - a year longer than parliament is set to

His four colleagues on the NSC. who have already handed over

army, navy, air force and genelected administration since the darmerie, will also serve for six years on an influential presidential The president marked the end

> "I would like to emphasise that no country wants to be ruled by a military regime." Gen. Evren said. "Soldiers are there for the defence of a country. Their duties are not to govern."

But he painted a grim picture of life in Turkey before the coup. when "students' hands were full of weapons, not books and pencils... banks were robbed in broad daylight... people were frightened to go out night or day... 20 people were killed each day and their murderers walked freely among

He said the military was thus forced to step in. "This is what the Turkish people wanted." he said.

'Eurogroup'

considers

Soviets keep Americans

tes and the Soviet Union agreed Tuesday to hold another meeting next Thursday on reducing intercontinental missiles, with Moscow apparently keeping Washington guessing about the future

over one hour at the U.S. mission

customary year-end break, following the usual pattern of twomonth sessions. "You will hear from us on Thu-

rsday." he said. Asked if the 17-month-old START negotiations would resume next year. he replied: "I do not know." Thursday's meeting will be the

fourth START session since Nov. 23, when the Soviet Union broke off separate talks on curbing medium-range missiles in Europe. This followed the Bonn parliament approval of the deployment of new U.S. missiles in West Germany.

Senior Soviet officials in Moscow accused Washington Monday of trying to sabotage the START talks and indicated that the Kremlin's intentions on their future would become clear on Thursday.

merger of arms talks BRUSSELS (R) - West European defence ministers think a merger of the suspended Geneva talks on medium-range nuclear

missiles and U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) could be a way to break the current arms control impasse. West German Defence Minister Manfred Woemer said Tuesday. But he said that, after last month's Soviet walkout from the

Geneva talks, this was not the right time for the West to propose a new negotiating forum on medium-range missiles. Speaking to reporters after a meeting of 12 European defence

ministers that began NATO's regular autumn meetings. Mr. Woerner said: "We discussed several possibilities to allow East and West to continue to negotiate, including a merger." But he denied reports that the

ministers from all European NATO members except France and Iceland had agreed on an initiative to be brought up at the full defence ministers' council Tue-

Norwegian Defence Minister Anders Sjaastad, chairman of the "Eurogroup" ministers, told a news conference it was up to the Soviet Union to say how negotiations should be restarted.

guessing on START future GENEVA (R) - The United Sta-Oct. 6, would then recess for the

Chief Soviet negotiator Viktor

payment. The wood is near a motorway iceman dropped the ransom of around 34 million guilders (more than \$11 million) in various cur-

Two days later police raided an

Heineken and Mr. Doderer lav chained in separate small rooms. Mr. Heineken, one of the ric-

> were abducted by five men as they left the brewery's Amsterdam off-Police are still searching for

three suspects in the Netherlands and abroad. The six men already in police custody will appear before a public prosecutor on Sat-

Police dig up part of Heineken ransom AMSTERDAM (R) - Police lion in ransom money in raids Amsterdam warehouse where Mr.

barrels packed with money in a three-fifths of the total ransom They began searching the wood near Utrecht after two hikers bridge where last week a polfound hundreds of \$100 notes.

waiting below. week kidnapping. They immediately found \$2 mil-

rencies to some of the kidnappers

denied, page 2

would have to be better prepared

E.C. after summit failure ATHENS(R) - The future of the and Mr. Kohl said success would be compulsory next time. He told reporters he favoured a series of bilateral talks soon, rather than another "mass meeting." French President Francois Mit-

> terrand, who takes over the community presidency in January. promised at a press conference that France would do everything possible to break the deadlock. The Athens summit never got

> These are proposed cuts in farm spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of the community's \$24 billion annual budget, and imbalances in members'

contributions to its coffers. Proposals by the community executive commission for drastic cuts in milk output and a "superlevy" penalising overproduction

day in west Beirut. Captive pilot a tough mit, mother

past two major issues seen as the key to the community's future.

were strongly resisted by dairy

said Tuesday they have found which led to the arrest of 25 peomost of the \$11 million ransom ple. Nineteen were later released. paid for brewery chief Freddie Police said the money une-Heineken after digging up plastic arthed in the wood Monday was Dutch wood.

Police rescued Mr. Heineken, 60, and his driver Ab Doderer, 57. last Wednesday after a three-

hest men in Europe, and his driver ice on Nov. 9.

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U.S., Syria close to all-out war

By Jeffrey Antevil

WASHINGTON — U.S. Marines who went to Lebanon 15 months ago as part of a peacekeeping force are now engaged in a military confrontation with Syria that has moved the two sides closer to all-out war, administration officials said here.

Lebanese allies.

Once Gemayel and the Israelis

are out." one official said. "The

Syrians won't have to have troops

in Lebanon - they'll control the

Henry Kissinger, a key architect of

U.S. Middle East policy in the

1970s, said in a television int-

erview Monday: "I don't think we

can drive Syria out of Lebanon

promise was possible under which

Syria would remain the dominant

influence in northeastern Leb-

anon, with Mr. Gemayel's Fal-

angist allies in the central area

around Beirut and Israel in the

The U.S. administration has

Administration officials con-

ceded that, apart from a risk of

direct Soviet involvement, a mil-

itary effort to drive Syria out of

Lebanon could be a long and cos-

tly operation even with major Isr-

despite Mr. Shamir's intensive

talks with Mr. Reagan and other

U.S. leaders in Washington last

week, how much Israeli assistance

The United States has fewer

than 2,000 troops on the ground in

Lebanon, too few to undertake a

major military drive to clear and

hold areas now occupied by Syria

sophisticated Soviet surface-to-air

missiles in Lebanon, some of

which have been fired at U.S. and

One U.S. official said des

troying those missiles would be

more difficult than a similar Israeli

operation in Lebanon's Bekaa

Valley last year since some of the

newer weapons such as SA-7s

were small, mobile and hard to

The U.S. troops, part of a four-

nation peacekeeping force in Leb-

anon, are backed up by some 160

warplanes from the aircraft car-

ners Kennedy and Independence

off the Lebanese coast, as well as

naval artillery which has been

used several times against Leb-

anese leftist positions.

locate in a bombing strike.

The officials said it was unclear.

li assistance.

could be expected.

and its allies.

Israeli planes.

Dr. Kissinger added that a com-

without a major confrontation."

Former Secretary of State

The officials, commenting on sident Amin Gemayel was repthe aftermath of Syria's downing laced in effect by Damascus's of two American warplanes and the death of eight Mairnes in weekend shelling, agreed there had been a significant change in the U.S. role in conflict-ravaged Leb-

Asked if the United States could find itself at war with Syria. which has some 40,000 troops and an array of advanced Soviet antiaircraft missiles in Lebanon, one official said: "We are certainly closer than we were two days

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who agreed last week to closer security cooperation with the United States in Lebanon and elsewhere, said he did not believe Syria would risk "an all-out war with the United States and Israel."

But some U.S. officials disagreed, saying Damascus had little repeatedly ruled out any solution to lose politically or militarily in that would amount to a de facto such a conflict. partition of Lebanon.

"I think they are probably willing to do it," one official said. If Syria were forced to retreat in the face of superior U.S. and Israeli forces in Lebanon, he said, it would cite its defeat as "one more example of its heroic dedication to the Arab cause."

Moscow might intervene militarily to rescue its Syrian ally from such a defeat, he added, but in any case Damascus would expect the Soviet Union to replace equipment losses, as it had done after past Syrian defeats at Israel's

But administration officials and Middle East analysts said a compromise solution was still possible without war between the United

The officials repeated President Reagan's assurances that the United States would not repeat the bombing raid on Syrian positions that resulted in the downing of two American planes on Sunday unless Syria continued to fire on U.S. reconnaissance aircraft over Leb-

They added that there was still hope for reconciliation talks aimed at ending Lebanese intercommunal warfare if Damascus eased its long-held demand for a "greater Syria" including most of

present-day Lebanon. But the officials said they dismissed Syria's current position that it would withdraw its forces from Lebanon only after Israeli troops had pulled out and Pre-

Pentagon calls Lebanon bombing raid a success

WASHINGTON (R) - The raid were not promising. by U.S. bombers on Syrian army positions in Lebanon Sunday achieved its goal of preventing fresh onnaissance planes, the Defence Department said.

In a statement reversing earlier cautious assessments of the results of the raid, in which two U.S. planes were shot down by Syrian gunners, the Pentagon said analysis made clear that "the mission was very successful and achieved our objective."

inflicted on the targets. Officials had said that preliminary reports on the raid by 28 carrier-based fighter-bombers

Cairo attacks

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian new-spapers, apparently reflecting off-

icial thinking, Tuesday attacked the recent U.S.-Israeli strategic

cooperation agreement, saying it

would endanger U.S. credibility in

Officials in Egypt, one of Was-

hington's closest allies in the reg-

ion, say the agreement will anger

U.S.-sponsored peace efforts.

Arab moderates and impede

Urging Washington to re-think its strategy, the daily newspaper

Al- Gomhouria said the agr-

eement, as seen by Arab countries

including Egypt, would threaten

The English-language Egu-

yptian Gazette commented: "The

(1982) Reagan initiative was a sui-

able basis for an overall Middle

East settlement ... but after the

new strategic cooperation agr-

eement, it would seem unlikely

that Washington will oppose Isr-

aeli military occupation of Pal-

U.N. accuses

ilians in occupied territories.

The special political committee

voted by 93 to two — the opp-

onents were Israel and the United

States — in favour of a resolution

saying Israel had committed grave

breaches of the 1949 Geneva con-

vention on protection of civilians

in wartime that it described as

Twenty nations abstained.

occupied territories.

humanity.'

war crimes and a grave affront to

The resolution was one of a ser-

ies dealing with Israeli practices in

mittee has accused Israel of com- 10 abstentions.

estinian territory.

U.S. interests in the area.

U.S.-Israeli

agreement

the Arab World.

It said significant damage was

The pilot of one of the downed U.S. planes was rescued and one of two crew members of the sec-Syrian attacks on American Rec- ond plane was captured by the Syrians, also apparently in good con-

But the second pilot. Lieutenant Mark Lange, was reported by the Syrians to have died.

Washington Monday called on Damascus to return the captured airman, Lieutenant Robert Goodman, but a senior Syrian military source said he would be kept until the end of the Lebanese war and the departure of American forces

from Lebanon. President Reagan and other

administration officials have said the raids, the first U.S. air attack on positions of the Syrians or their Lebanese allies, were defensive and responded to Syrian firing at unarmed American reconnaissance planes.

The Pentagon said its analysis so far showed that: - Four major targets were hit at a site near Dayr-Al-Harb.

- Seven of 11 targets were hit at Hammana, and a secondary

explosion indicated that an ammunition storage area had been destroved.

U.S.-Israeli military coordination denied

ROME (R) — Israeli Deputy vents Syria from imposing its will Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben on the Lebanese." he said. Meir has denied there was any military coordination between his country and the United States. both of which have recently carried out air raids on Syrian positions in Lebanon.

"Israel has always carried out its military actions in Lebanon by itself. The Americans do the same and always have. There has never been, and is not, any coordination between the military actions of the two countries," he told a press conference in Rome.

Mr. Ben Meir, here for a meeting of the Italian-Israeli joint economic commission, was speaking amid press speculation that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had agreed with the U.S. on joint action to get Syria out of Lebanon.

force in Beirut.

"It is the presence of this force and of the Israeli troops in the sou-

resolution reaffirming that

the 1949 Geneva convention was

applicable to Arab territories occ-

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endorsed by 112 votes to one (Isr-

ael), with one abstention (the Uni-

estine, Iranian delegate Said Rajaie-Khorassani called Israel

and South Africa "illegitimate chi-

Idren" of British colonialism that

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Observing that an assembly

world into a desert of bones.

In an assembly debate on Pal-

UNITED NATIONS (R) - A under detention", was approved back home."

ted States).

U.N. General Assembly com- in a separate vote by 85 to 20, with

Israel of war crimes

"If the Multinational Force or

Italy has said it will have to rev-

Mr. Ben Meir said plans to evacuate supporters of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat under the United Nations flag from the Lebanese port of Tripoli, where they are besieged by Syrian-backed PLO rebels, would, if carried out, desecrate the flag.
He said Israel did not want a

The Israeli official voiced sup- 'direct clash with Syria but the port for the presence of the peace, negotiated withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon. The Israelis would stay in Lebanon as long as there was a danger of Syria thern part of Lebanon which pre- getting its way there, he added.

Muhammad El-Farra,

undersecretary-general of the

Palestine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) was Palestinians' "leg-

itimate and sole representative,

the reflection of their independent

Any settlement of the Middle

East problem in which the Pal-

estinians' national rights were

overlooked or denied and neg-

otiations in which the PLO was

not involved on an equal footing

with the other parties would not

lead to a just, durable peace, Mr.

The League official, a former

chief delegate of Jordan to the

U.N., said the Security Council

should adopt mandatory measures

to deter Israel and order the Uni-

ted States stop aiding it.

Farra said.

ague of Ajad Stales, said the

A radar antenna and its protective SA-9 missile near Falugha

the Israelis withdrew, Syria would take immediate advantage of it. But if they don't move. Syria won't be able to carry out its

iew the presence of its forces in Lebanon if talks in Geneva on reconciliation between the warring Lebanese factions produce no

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM dership of Yasser Arafat as Palchairman.

This is a slight increase in sup-port for him from a previous poll conducted by the East Jerusalem magazine Al-Bayader A-Siassi last June,

The latest poll was taken during the last week of November and encompassed 1.184 respondents. one-third of them from Gaza. It is the largest number of respondents ever-to participate in an opinion

mined:

Support for a Palestinian Egyptian dialogue: 62 per cent for, 30 per cent against (in June, 55 per cent for, 37 per cent aga-

UN Resolution 242 and President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace initiative - 43 per cent for, 47 per cent againt.

Captured pilot 'a tough nut,' mother says

VIRGINIA BĒACH, Virginis (R) - The mother of Lt. Robert Goodman, 27, the U.S. airman being held by Syrian forces after his plane was shot down in Lebanon on Sunday, said he was a tough nut.

Marilyn Goodman told Reuters in a telephone interview from New York that her son's wife was notified that his plane was shot down. but the family did not know for some time whether he was missing or dead.

She said she learned he was alive when she was a still photograph on television of her wounded son. his eyes open, leaning against another soldier, presumably a captor.

Mrs. Goodman appeared undaunted by reports that her son could be held prisoner for some

"His father was an air force flyer. He grew up in that aura," she said. "Robert's quite a fighter. He's a tough nut."

Lt. Goodman has two daughters

aged five and two. His crew mate. Lt. Walter Lange, 26, was killed.

Nearly all West Bank Arabs still back Arafat

(Agencies) - Ninety-four per cent of the respondents to a recent opinion poll conducted among Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip support the continued leaestine Liberation Organisation

poll of this nature.

In addition to examining support for Mr. Arafat, the poll exa-

Support for a Palestinian-Jordanian dialogue: 70 per cent for, 25 per cent against.

Support for an amalgamation of

Support for contacts with "Isr-

aeli peace forces" - 58 per cent for, 32 per cent against.

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British opposition to peacekeeping rises

LONDON (R) — Opposition to attending a European community Britain's token peacekeeping role summit in Athens and did not take in Lebanon is rising sharply in the part in the debate. ruling Conservative Party, political sources said Tuesday.

The government Monday rejected calls to withdraw its 1(1)man peace-keeping unit, telling Parliament it would remain there as long as it was useful.

But the debate showed that many of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives were unhappy about the British role. The opposition Labour Party voiced fears of full-scale conflict between U.S. and Syrian forces.

Labour's spokesman on foreign affairs. Denis Healey, predicted in television interview Monday night that the British troops would be ordered home this week.

World opinion, including the London government, thought U.S. action in Lebanon at the weekend was disproportionate to the needs of the situation, said Mr. Healey, a former defence sec-

"I think we'll find the British government is taking the troops out by the end of the week," he

Foreign Office Minister Malcolm Rifkind told parliament a unilateral British pull-out would

the U.S.: "In the process of keeping the peace it has allied itself formally with one of the participants in the war, and in doing so it has distorted to breaking point the mandate originally given be harmful. Mrs. Thatcher was to it by the Lebanese

The British press Tuesday str-

The Conservative Daily Tel-

egraph, in an editorial headlined

... The air strikes do not appear to have been designed to achieve

any worthwhile purpose. The

temporary silencing of a few SAM batteries will do nothing to imp-

tove the safety of the Mul-imational Peacekeeping Force, if

It added: "Air raids are not a

The Guardian, in an editorial

What are we doing in Leb-

anon?". said: "In the last few days

the Americans, as well as the Syr-

ians, have added to the pressures

of war, not in any way relieved

In a reference to the new U.S.

strategic cooperation agreement with Israel, the Guardian said of

substitute for a credible policy."

purposeless action." said:

ongly criticised the U.S. air strikes

against Syrian targets.

anything, the reverse."

3 Iranian communist leaders put on trial

TEHRAN (R) — The first trial of correspondents would not be all-members of the banned Iranian owed to attend. Communist Party began Tuesday with three people accused of vying and aiming to overthrow the Islamic republic of Iran appearing in a revolutionary court. The national news agency

RNA said the three, whom it did not name, were being tried in the revolutionary court of the armed forces. The court hears all cases involving serious spying charges.
It said the accused, belonging to

the communist Tudeh Party's "secret organisation", were charged with "taking measures against the security of the Islamic republic, espionage against the country, and membership and having activities in secret anisations with an objective to overthrow the Islamic republic."

Tudeh leaders were arrested in February and the party was outlawed in May after its secretaryconfessed on television to spying for the Soviet Union.

Eighteen Soviet diplomats were expelled at the same time on charges of interfering in Iran's internal affairs.

The agency did not mention the scene. maximum penalties faced by those

republic have been executed. A court official, who confirmed lowed and by the end of May the that the trial had started, told Reu- revolutionary prosecutor general

on trial. But others convicted of trying to overthrow the Islamic Tudeh leadership. Once the party

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The authorities finally acted last was banned, more arrests fol-

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TODAY'S EVENTS **EXHIBITIONS**

Orientalists' exhibitions, at the Alia Art Gallery.

VIDEO

For children, at the French Cultural Centre, at 4:30 p.m. TV film (sub-titled in English) and 8:00 p.m.

 Winterspelt, a war film in colour (sub-titled in English) at the Goethe Institute at 8:00 p.m.

CULTURAL CENTRES

MUSEUMS

nama: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mossics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th room Madaca and Jerssh (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.

Jordan Archaeological Misseanu: Has an excellent collection of the antiquitine Jordan, Jahul gavi gqal'a (Citadel Hill).

Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.). Closed Trueslays.

4.00 p.m.), Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a col-lection of paintings, ceramics, and scu-lptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a room most of the Misters countries and a collection of paintings by 19th entury orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luwelbdeh, Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays, Tel. 30128.

WHAT'S GOING ON Martyrs' Memorial (MEltary Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dat-ing from the Arab Revolt of 1916.

Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. Popular Life of Jordan Minseum: 100 to 150 year old items such as continues, weapons, musical instruments, etc.

Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Chib, Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Tyche Hotel, 1,30 p.m. Lious Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Marriott Hotel, 1.30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Clab. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman, Eighth Circle, Tel. 815261.

CHURCHES St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic)

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Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 22, Aquba 27. Hamidity rea-

olutionary prosecutor indicated in July that the first people to go on trial would be military men accused of Tudeh membership, inc luding former naval commander Bahram Afzali. But the revolutionary

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prosecutor-general's office, which has overall responsibility for the Tudeh cases, has refused to say whether this is still true or to give any other information about the The moves against the Tudeh

Party have removed from tranian politics one of the few organisations still operating openly which might have posed a threat to the present revolutionary leadership.

The Tudeh Party declared its support for the Islamic revolution general, Noureddin Kianouri, which overthrew the Shah in

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CAEU body to plan future policy

By Philip Robins Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A ministerial meeting of the Council for Arah Economic Unity (CAEU) has decided to set up a working party to seek new ways of attaining the CAEU's goal of promoting Arab economic integration.

The working party will be given a wide brief which will allow it to scrutinise the workings of the Arab Common Market, the original Arab economic unity agreement which led to the establishment of the CAEU in 1964, and the existing system of transfer investment under which the wea-Ithy member countries help finance projects in their less well endowed counterparts.

CAEU Secretary-General Mahdi Al Obeidi, who was elected to the post last May, told the Jordan Times that the body was created because of the slow progress being made in reaching Arab economic unity, which is at present being hindered by the world eco-

He said that the working party will comprise of representatives from the CAEU's 12 full member states (Egypt still being under suspension) along with a team of res-

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Princess Majida thanked the

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which he toured the various parts

By Meg Abu Hamdan

A MMAN -- Not so long ago nob-

ody had heard of the "Ori-

entalists". The achievements of

this group of mainly European art-

ists, who lived and worked in the

Viiddle East from the mid 1850's

satisfying the demand for images

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their native countries, went unh-

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dually, however, people started to

re-evaluate their work and now,

within the space of a few short

years, their paintings are as sought

after as they were at the end of the

last century when they were still very fashionable and the finer,

rarer ones command like then

The first time the majority of art

goers in Jordan really became

aware of the "Orientalists" was in

April 1981 when the Mathaf Gal-

lery in London exhibited some of

its collection at the Alia Art Gal-

lery. This week, almost two years

later, the Alia Gallery is again the

venue for an enormous collection

(some 170 oils and watercolours)

of Orientalist originals. This time

the works of art belong to Ghassan

Ashkar, a collector who tours aro-

und European auction rooms and

other places where these paintings

occasionally turn up, buying pri-

marily for himself. Around 90 per

cent of the collection date from

the pure "Orientalist" period

(1855-1910), the rest being mod-

ern versions. The majority of the

paintings are watercolours, a med-

high prices.

Jordan Andre Louis Vallon.

of the society's building.

pected Arab economists backed by the general secretarial.

It is scheduled to convene next April and will meet continuously before submitting its recommendations to be discussed by the 41st twice yearly ministerial meeting which is slated for next June. The report, Mr. Obeidi emphasised, will be used as the basis for the CAEU's next five year plan which is expected to commence in 1985.

Commenting on the two-day meeting which concluded here late Monday, the secretarygeneral said that it was "one of the most successful yet" and was charucterised by "the will on behalf of all the members to attain the objectives of the council."

Mr. Obeidi also reiterated the CAEU's commitment to establishing more joint Arab companies as a way of promoting integration. In addition to the four which have been set up since 1973 in the province of mining, annual wealth, drug manufacturing and industrial investment, two new companies in the transport and printing industry are expected to be founded, he said. The CAEU is also planning additional ventures. he added, particularly in the agricultural sector.

The CAEU budget for 1984, which was passed by the meeting. will continue to contain an element for technical assistance to poorer member states, he said. This would be used to develop their government statistical departments in order to ensure that these countries can collect the

their own development plans. The CAEU ministerial meeting also decided to compile a register of the most important products made by its constituent countries. Such a move towards perfect knowledge, Mr. Obeidi hoped. would "encourage trade and exc-

necessary data upon which to base

hange among members." Finally, Mr. Obeidi said the meeting had endorsed the proposal of the Arab ministers of heaith meeting to establish professional body comprising private and public sector companies eng-

aged in drug production. He said that such a body, which will be the 14th professional union to be set up under CAEU auspices, will aim to increase coordination in production and marketing thus eliminating needless waste and achieving certain economies of scale. This body, he added, will also facilitate the exchange of expertise.

Assad said that he had delivered a message from His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to Mr. Mazali on cooperating with the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues. and proposals on a new humanitarian order submitted by Crown Prince Hassan to the Uni-

Dr. Assad pointed out that a meeting held in Geneva about four months ago had formed a

ium which manages to convey bet-

ter than any other the atmosphere of the East. Its transparencies

seem able to capture the heat, the

dust, the hazy horizons more exa-

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sketches from life. Often these

sketches would be done again

more painstakingly in oils, back in

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final product — as in the case of

that most prolific of painters (aro-

ART REVIEW

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FUNIS (Petra) - Tunisian Prime specialised international com-

Following the meeting, Dr. Mr. Mazali prospects for cooperation between the established National Foundation for Trainstation, Research and Studies (NFTRS) in Tunis and the Royal Academy. He expressed optimism that close cooperation between the two foundations will soon

Dr. Assad Tuesday attended Mazali of the NFTRS meeting

Noor to open Schneller bazaar

AMMAN (J.T.) - Her Majesty Queen Noor will open the Schneller annual bazaar on Friday Dec. 9, at the Schneller School, a Schneller School press release said

The Schneller School is one of the oldest such establishments, having originally been founded in

Now situated in Amman, it has graduated hundreds of students qualified in different vocations and handicrafts.

The bazaar will continue until Sunday Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 6

2.662 doctors working in Jordan in '83

AMMAN (Petra) -- The number of doctors operating in Jordan reached 2,662 in 1983. Twenty eight per cent of them are employed by the Ministry of Health. while 46.4 per cent are in the private sector.

Ministry of Education statistics show that the number of Jordanians studying medicine abroad has reached 8.165, which indicates that the annual increase in medical students is estimated at 500). This also indicates that the total number of Jordanian doctors will reach 4,196 by 1985.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health has pointed out in a statistical bulletin that doctors are increasingly inclined to specialise, and shows that 50 per cent of Jordanian doctors have undergone specialised medical study.



Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas addresses the upen session of the seminar on "Drug Industry in the Arab World" (Petra photo)

Drug industry meeting focuses on quality control

By Ara Voskian Special to the Jordan Times

Drug Industry in the Arab Tuesday with three lectures on quality control, under the charmanship of the pharmacist and National Consultative Council

(NCC) member Amin Shukair. The symposium was organised Industry and Medical Appliances (ACDIMA) under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan at the Amman Marriott Hotel. It was officially opened Monday by Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas.

The lecturers were Dr. Salim Babhair from Saudi Arabia who discussed the problems of quality control, followed by Dr. Omar Abdul Hafeeth Ja'wan, who talked about the use of computers in such operations.

Bengt Oom from Sweden also spoke on quality assurance in the past, present and future.

Speaking to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, at the end of the panel discussion Mr. Shukair praised the three papers which were presented and said that they had enriched the knowledge of all the participants.

Regarding the importance of quality control in the drug industry, he said it is "the best way of securing drug safety and its effects on people and environment." After a brief recess, the fourth

panel discussion started under the chairmanship of ACDIMA director and Iraqi representative. Dr. Tahseen Jihad. During this session three lectures were delivered on World" started its second day research by Prof. Anwar Hussein from the United States, Dr. Hassan Yousef Hassan from Jordan and Dr. Al Habib Shneiter from l'unisia

At the end of the discussion. Dr. Jihad said that the discussions on by the Arab Company for Drug the topic of research had added a new dimension to the importance of this symposium as it concentrated on the importance of scientific and technological development in the Arab drug industry in order to improve it and keep it up with the international

In the afternoon, the fifth panel discussion, which was chaired by the assistant director-general of ACDIMA, Abdul Muttaleb Abdul Ghani Naser, discussed subjects related to natural resources in the drug industry.

During this session, there were three lectures delivered by Dr. Mohammad Boukaf from Tunisia who discussed the present and the future status of drug producing plants in the Arab World. He was followed by Dr. Boris Holm from Sweden who talked about pharmaceutical intermediates from benzene, and Dr. Adel Said who lectured on organic intermediates.

On Monday evening, the second panel discussion was held on the development and marketing of Arab pharmaceuticals.

years for in his version huge bas-

kets of apples, oranges, lemons.

watermelons cascade down onto

the pavement much as they do

This picture crosses the bou-

ndary between the souk scenes

and images of Oriental daily life at

extremely fine paintings at this

exhibition show other aspect of

the daily minutae of the Arabs in

greater detail like for example

Percy Croft's marvellous "Sherbet

Seller". Alberto Rosatti's

'Dewan'', Rudolf Esrnt's fierce

looking "Arms Dealer" and many

more. In fact there are simply too

many good paintings and a few

bad to mention, and to list them all

would neither do them justice nor

serve much purpose. The best

thing is to go and see these pai-ntings which record an age we will

never witness again and a culture

whose richness is fast disappearing

U. of J. conference on philosophy opens

AMMAN (Petra) — The first Arab conference on philosophy opened at the University of Jordan Monday. The University President Abdul Salam Al Majali opened the conference with a speech in which he underlined the importance of the subjects to be discussed by the participants in the three days of meetings.

The University of Jordan is keen to hold such conferences and take part in scientific and cultural meetings which help to lead the Arab Nation towards further progress, Dr. Majali said.

della lisa

Also addressing the conference of philosophy in the Arab World, was Dr. Mahmoud Al Samra, the university's vice president, who called on the philosophy departments at Arab universities to modernise their programmes and activities in order to help solve

Dr. Ahmad Madi, head of the philosophy department at the university, made a speech emphasising the necessary imprevements which ought to be introduced to improve the teaching

Taking part in the conference are thinkers and philosophers from Egypt, Morocco, Kuwan, Lebanon, North Yemen, University of Paris in addition to the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University.

Seminar opens on energy in agricultural production

AMMAN (Petra) --- The execution of a joint Jordanian-French project on the use of renewable energy, especially solar energy. for heating and cooling plastic green houses used in agriculture

started Monday. The project is aimed at improving and increasing agricultural production in addition to exploring the possibility of growing

Taking part in the project are the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Jordan and the Royal Scientific Society (RSS).

The opening ceremony was attended by the French ambassador to Amman, Jacques-Alain de sedouy, dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. Marwan Kamal, and RSs deputy president, Dr. produce in the winter and summer Fakhreddin Al Daghastani.

Joint shipping company formulates programme

A MMAN (Petra) -Jordanian-Syrian Shipping Comnany's board held a meeting here l'uesday at the Ministry of Transport to discuss its budget for 1984 and to review its programme for developing the company's activities in the coming year.

A board spokesman said that the future projects are designed to boost Jordanian and Syrian for-

The joint company was established in 1976 with a capital or 100 million Syrian pounds. At present the company owns two ships: Barada and Yarmouk.

Transport Minister Ali Suheimat,

the next meeting is to be held in

Damascus in April 1984.

According to the spokesman

Each ship has the capacity to trausport 6,500 tonnes of goods, the The meeting was chaired by spokesman said.

On the tragic occasion of the death of our young son Nasser Anwar Malhas in Nicosia -Cyprus following an unfortunate traffic accident, we the Malhas family Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan would like to extend and acknowledge our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Minister of Commerce and Industry Mr. George Andrecu.

the director-general of Health Mr. Vakis, the Ambassador of Cyprus to Jordan Mr. Licorgos and to the honorary consul of the Republic of Cyprus in Jordan Mr. Daoud Suleiman for their unfailing help in attending to our needs in

Special thanks and gratitude are extended to the doctors and staff of the Nicosia General Hospital for their expert and humane care in trying to save the life of young Nasser. We wish to thank in particular Dr. Nicos Spanos, Dr. Andreas Constantinides, Dr. Dietis and Dr.

Last but by no means least, our deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation is extended to our real friend and brother Mr. Cristos Orphanos and his beloved family for their unforgettable support and help throughout our ordeal...

> May the almighty bless them all The Malhas Family

Mazali, foundation head meet

Minister Mohammad Mazali received in his office Monday Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research, The Al Bayt Foundation, President Naser Eddin

mission co-chaired by Crown Prince Hassan and Prince Sadr Eddin Khan and comprising a number of internationally prominent figures follow up the humanitarian issue.

Dr. Assad also discussed with enter a new phase.

ted Nations General Assembly the opening ceremony by Mr. which hosts a number of Arab res-



An example of an Orientalist watercolour by the

they cast. To give the whole scene and of the Mosque of Omar perund 30 of the paintings in this cola sense of scale and perspective, ched above the mist filled valleys. Lamplough places with great care a few tiny figures, complete with hats and sticks, an odd camel or even perhaps ruined arches fringed with palms. Similar though they often are these paintings plough (1877-1930) who first never, even today, fail to please If you look closely enough at some and how their romantic sense of space and heat must have appealed to the rain-weary Vic-

Classical style

Another British artist who caugination as they follow a similar ght the appeal of Middle Eastern format — endless stretches of landscapes successfully was Henry Andrew Harper (1835-1900). a sky of similar immensity by a distant range of mountains. These Harper preceded Lamplough by barely seen rugged peaks hover some years, a fact reflected by his more classical style through which mysteriously, their presence often only discerned, like the rocks in he records in meticulous details the foreground, by the shadows

A favourite subject of the Orientalists were the souks, and again many of the artists used a similar compositional format which is typified by the souk scene of Carl Haag (1820-1915). Your eye is led into the picture by the narrow street in whose deep shade veiled women, carrying baskets on their heads and children in their arms. pass and pause at the shops whose colourful goods spill down into the street itself. Below the intricately decorated oriel windows camels and donkeys move, while a minaret rising like a white spear into an azure sky crowns the whole scene. Each artist includes some of these many aspects in his souk scene each in his own individual way. What makes Haag's pictures memorable are the tiny downward the beauty of the Mount of Olives strokes of his brush which imbues

the atmosphere with a soft light, while with J. Whipple it is the immaculate detailing of the beautiful decorations on the old Islamic arches. Tristam James' version is slightly different for he has managed to capture the airy vaults and shady gloom of a closed souk. Best of all however is Walter Tyndale's "Fruit Shop". Executed in delicate hues, this painting shows that this kind of shop has changed very little in the past one hundred

in a style that there has been little point in imitating since the advent All the paintings are for sale. prices ranging from JD 30 to JD 10,000. Exhibition continues until December 13.

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Private vs. public roles

THE NATIONAL Consultative Council's recommendation Monday that the Ministry of Agriculture should have more power in deciding on matters in the agriculture sector strikes us slightly old-fashioned, and perhaps even out-of-step with the productive instincts and patterns of the Jordanian economy. If is true that one of the problems of agriculture in Jordan has always been the fragmentation of decision-making and policy implementation among many different private and public sector bodies. To bring it all under the umbrella of the Ministry of Agriculture may or may not be the right answer. One point against this solution is that the frequent changes in senior personnel at the top of the ministry have tended to hamper the kind of continuity in policy that is required in any government

Certainly, the Ministry of Agriculture should be the focal point of coordinating the many different programmes in the agriculture sector in Jordan, but the more substantive business of decision-making should remain in the hands of the private farmers and companies working in the field, literally and figuratively. One only has to look at other sectors in Jordan to understand that private initiative is usually the best means of filling in the gaps between the public sector's responsibilities. For example, the proliferation of private schools and community colleges, and of private doctors' clinics, and pharmacies, are examples that should eventually find a parallel in the agriculture sector.

Wherever there is a market demand, and profit to be made by private sector entrepreneurs, precedent suggests that the best formula to apply in Jordan is for the private sector to undertake the productive activity and for the public sector to provide the legal framework and the quality control functions that are, ultimately, the responsibility of the state. This should work in agriculture as it has worked in other fields, in Jordan

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: U.S. backs Israel all the way

I'HE NATIONAL Consultative Council Monday unanimously condemned the U.S.-Israeli strategic alliance and the U.S. raid on Syrian targets in Lebanon. The council also pointed out the fact that the U.S. has stopped being a peace mediator because it has now totally allied itself to Israel visa-vis the Arab states. The condemnation does not only represent a mere reaction to the outcome of the Shamir-Reagan talks in Washington, but a national Jordanian stand with regard to issues of concern to the Arab Nation. The strategic alliance with the Zionist enemy followed a series of terrorist actions and invasions by Israel against the Arab states.

The alliance is but a show of support on the part of the United States for all that Israel does, whether it be its annexation of the Golan Heights, Jerusalem and other parts of the Arab lands or the establishment of settlements on the occupied Arab territory after driving out its indigenous population. In the news Monday, Washington was reported to have reassured the Arabs that it is still committed to its efforts aimed at establishing peace in the Middle East. We really wonder if the U.S. still has any supporters among the Arabs states and if it can boast of any credibility after the recent strategic alliance with Israel the Arabs' common enemy.

Al Dustour: A national stand

THE CONDEMNATION of the U.S.-Israeli alliance and American air raids on Syrian targets inside Lebanon by the National Consultative Council is justified, because this alliance has ushered in a new serious development in the region and could lead to a further escalation of tension resulting in all out war. The alliance has heralded a new phase in international polarisation of the Middle East region and is boundto deepen conflicts and so eventually close the door to peace.

No doubt further American involvement in the region's issues will not serve American interests, nor will it help the cause of peace. The alliance furthermore represents open U.S. hostility towards the Arabs in whom the U.S. has numerous interests, and we wonder why the U.S. insists on assuming such a role. The council's condemnation of the alliance and the U.S. raids on Syrian targets in Lebanon is a national Jordanian stand and truly expresses the feelings of the people against the U.S. which has now placed itself in the same trench as Israel in confrontation of the Arab state.

Sawt Al Shaab: Gap between speech, deed

THE U.S.-Israeli alliance and American air strikes against Syrian targets in Lebanon have drawn outcries in the Arab World and voices that condemn the two actions. One such reaction was represented in the condemnation announced Monday by the National Consultative Council that reflected the true feelings of the Arab people in Jordan. The condemnation was justified in view of the U.S. attitude towards the Arabs and its total support and unlimited assistance to Israel, the enemy of all the Arabs. The U.S. has, over the past 30 years, enabled Israel to wreak havoc in the Arab World, invade four Arab states and maintain its occupation of all of Palestine, driving its inhabitants out to build Jewish settlements. We hear the U.S. one day speak about the rights of the Palestinians and the need to establish peace and for the withdrawal of all foreign forces including those of Israel from Lebanon, and on the other we see Washington acting differently.

Washington's strategic alliance with Israel and its announcement that it will extend economic assistance to the Zionist state to tidy it over the present crisis reflects Washington's determination to maintain its hostility towards the Arabs.

Gemayel: Shy homereturn from Washington

By David Betts

Reuter BEIRUT - Moves by neighbouring countries and the sunerpowers ostensibly meant to bring peace to Lebanon often Lebanese government said Mon-

Many believe that Saturday's U.S. air raids against Syrian tarmilitia attacks that followed against U.S. Marines in Beirut merely accelerated the sequence of retaliation and reprisal, so familiar in

President Reagan said Sunday that the raids by 28 carrier-based bombers did not mean the United States wanted war in the region. "Our mission remains what it was - to help stabilise the sit-

eign forces can be withdrawn and until the government of Lebanon can take over the authority of its own territory." he said.

uation in Beirut until all the for-

However, within hours, heavy fighting was raging in many parts was part of a joint campaign to

U.S. policy and presence struck back at any targets they could find.

U.S. Marines at Beirut Airport came under intensive rocket and artillery fire and, driven into their have the opposite effect. Western bunkers, had to call upon the U.S. diplomats and sources close to the Sixth Fleet offshore to silence their attackers with heavy guns. By then eight Marines had been

The air raid was immediately gets in central Lebanon and the condemned by many Muslim and leftist leaders in Lebanon, including Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan, a Sunni Muslim.

We condemn and reject whatever turns our land into an area of conflict." he said. "It is a link in the chain of aggravating complications of the Israeli occupation and the inability of Lebanon to regain control over all its territory.

denied that the raid was worked out together as an attack on Syria. the Soviet Union's chief ally in the region. But a senior Israeli official who asked not to be named said it

The United States and Israel

Many Lebanese feel aggrieved that President Amin Gemayel appeared to have been given little during a visit to Washington last week, apart from a promise of more help for the Lebanese army, compared with Israeli Prime Min-

ister Yitzhak Shamir. The United States and Israel announced last week they had agreed to boost political and military cooperation. Mr. Shamir referred to it as an unwritten alliance.

President Gemayel returned quietly to Lebanon Sunday via Paris. Apart from Mr. Wazzan's statement, the Lebanese government has made no comment on the air raids and the violent reprisals and counter-reprisals.

The influential Al Nahar newspaper called Monday in an editorial for a speedy return to the conference table in Geneva to talk about national reconciliation and prevent a slide into chaos.

It said the Sept. 25 ceasefire that ended a three-week war between the army and various militias was "doomed to deteriorate and

of Lebanon as the opponents of fight Syria's presnece in Lebanon. collapse if not followed by a speedy political agreement.

Worse still, it establishes a state of 'no war, no peace' with people getting accustomed to limited violence."

Officials and diplomats looking for permanent peace in Lebanon took little comfort from a statement in Paris by U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger promising more air raids if Syria continued to fire on U.S. reconnaissance planes.

"This is a defensive measure that has to protect the necessary reconnaissance that has to be conducted nearly every day in this kind of situation, and is not a reprisal." he said. Asked if there might be more

raids, he said: "The rationale for this attack this (Sunday) morning would hold in the event that American planes doing defence reconnaissance were fired on again."

Leftist groups and opposition politicians regard as one of the main stumbling blocks in the path towards peace the May 17 troop-withdrawal agreement between Lebanon and Israel.

The U.S.-backed accord, signed after four months of negotiations. called for the withdrawal of the 25.000-strong Israeli army from itary move and said: "These aggsouthern Lebanon provided Syria ressive actions mamask the United withdrew its 40,000 troops from eastern and northern Lebanon.

The deal was bitterly opposed by Syria at the time and has soured Lebanese-Syrian relations ever

take part in joint security patrols again about the effectiveness of in southern Lebanon the Beirut government infringed Lebanon's Lebanon last year. sovereignty, threatened Syria's security and damaged pan-Arab relations.

to the agreement, and Mr. Gom- been defensive. ayel also appeared to endorse it. at be worked out.

Syrian reaction to Sunday's U.S. air assault was to call for intemational and Arab action against what Foreign Minister Abdul

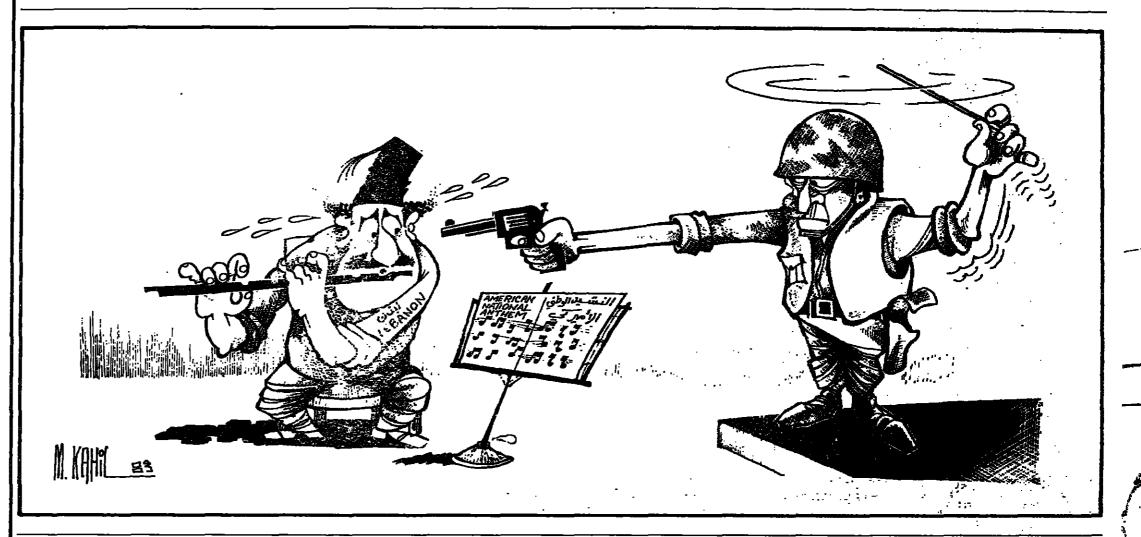
Halim Khaddam called America's aggressive policy in Leismon and the Middle East.

He called it as escalatory mil-States political aims in the region. its plots and the role of its forces in Lebanon and the Medнеггале<u>ап</u>,"

The helplessness of the U.S. Marines during Sunday night's fie-Syria maintains that by agreeing ree bombardment of their bunto allow the Israelis the right to kered positions raised questions the Multinational Force sent to

The U.S. and French contingents lost 297 men killed in twin suicide bomb attacks on hea-Last week in Washington Mr. dquarters buildings on Oct. 23 and Reagan and Mr. Shamir reas since then much of the action of ffirmed U.S.-Israeli commitment: the Multinational contingents has

Looking at sandbagged barleast until a better alternative can ricades on roads around the French embassy, a Lebanese businessman grumbled: "They were supposed to be coming here to keep the peace, but all they seem to do is block streets."



Non-loyalists repent in Khomeini's dungeons

THE SHAH 'S gaol, Evin, became a synonym of horror. It remains suspect under the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini, in spite of claims that it is an Islamic re-education centre. Andrew Veitch, in Tehran, reports

Now it is the kingdom of the Rev- heart... olutionary Prosecutor General, gaoler, and according to his enemies, torturer and executioner: a short thick-set man, his face hidden behind a black beard and gla-

Officially, there are 3,000 priat any one time, some of them hostages. Officially, more than 5,000 have been executed since the revolution, the majority here at Evin. Unofficially, prisoners have tal-

ked of 490 being shot in one night.

The gates were opened last month to allow 270 visiting doctors, in Tehran for a medical conference sponsored and paid for by the government, to see for themselves that tales of torture were nothing more, as the prosecutor put it, than Western propaganda. The goal, he said, was a place where terrorists were taught the true ways of Islam; where they confessed their sins and repented: it was not a gaol, it was a university. We could talk to any of the prisoners, he said. If a prisoner said he was innocent, there were files in the office to prove his guilt. But, regrettably, the office was locked at this time, so we would not be able to see them.

"In Evin we only imprison terrorists." said the prosecutor. "They belong to the Tudeh Party (the Communists) and other minorities. Prisoners with other criminal diseases are in other pri-

Inside the gates, 100 women had been paraded in a line, waiting our arrival. The courtyard was dark and cold. Only their eyes showed through their chadors. Their black cloaks reached to the ground.

They broke into a perfectlydrilled chant: "Imam Khomeini. to pay for our crimes, we have to become the wall in front of the fighters at the front... Down with the U.S. ... Down with the Communist Party ... Down with the Mojahadin ... With the help of God's Party, the prison has becthey were beating their hearts, name as Vahid Savidghalan, aged

The Shah built Evin prison high ome a university ... Imam Khoon a hill in north Tehran for the meini. God be with you, we don't use of his secret police. Savak. have anything against you in our

There were no chains, no han-Asadollah Lajevardi, accuser, dcuffs - there were children. A baby clinging to a mother's breast: a boy of about seven, a brass key hanging on a string round his neck. clutching his mother's hand; a litsses, a combat jacket flung over the boy, perhaps four years old, in a yellow jump suit and a woolly bonnet, joining in the chant, thrsoners here, men and women, girls usting his fist into the air in the and boys, all terrorists. Uno- universal revolutionary salute fficially, there are 6,000 or more only here in Evin it is the salute of

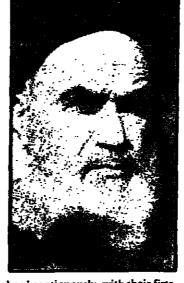
obedience. In the workshops, one for men. another for women, the night shift was sewing clothes - the women make the guards' uniforms, 80 women in one workshop. They clutched their veils about their faces. Their eyes were not the eyes of grown women, they looked so young, like girls in their teens. One sat at her sewing machine with tears rolling down her cheeks. I asked her why. "I am very

sinful," she said. We were led to the prayer hall. the Jamat, the meeting place - in a British prison it would perhaps be called a concert hall. An enormous painting of Khomeini hung above the stage. Pictures of the other Ayatollahs lined the walls. The floor was carpeted.

There were more than 500 black-robed women kneeling on one side of the hall. I counted 15 children. The youngest was eleven months old. The baby's mother told me she had been arrested nine days after the baby was born. She had been accused of working for the Mojahadin. She did not want to give her name. I asked how long she would be in prison. "I don't know," she said. "I have not had the formal hearing yet." She was frightened. An official arrived. The interview was over.

A low curtain separated the women from the men. More and more men arrived until there were almost 1.500 people in the hall. There were guards, but I saw no

What sounded like prayers turned to chants: the women singing a verse, then the men. There was a drumming sound, as though they



hard continuously, with their fists. These "terrorist and Communists," as the Prosecutor had described them, were cursing the Mojahadin, repenting their sins, praising the Imam, swearing their loyalty to the Islamic revolution. One of the repenters was Meh-

ran Asdaghi, aged 23, arrested seven months ago for his part in the alleged torture and murder of three Revolutionary Guards. He told me he had been the military commander of the Tehran section of the Monafeghin guerrillas. He had confessed it on television, he said. He had been involved in a plot to kill Khomeini's son, and had attempted to kill the commander of the police force. He had helped to torture the Revolutionary Guards by binding them with cables, pouring hot water on their feet, breaking their feet, and injecting them with cyanide — two of the guards were still alive when they were buried, he

said. Asdaghi is due to be sentenced later this month. It is thought likely that he will be shot. I asked another prisoner who described himself as a former guerrilla leader. Abolighasen Esmansheri, aged 30, why they had not been executed already: 'Islam does not want to kill people," he said. "It wants to re-educate them, to use them to serve the revolution. We will be here until the Governor (the Revolutionary Prosecutor) realises that we will not harm society anymore, that we have become useful members of society."

A tall, thin, studious man was were beating the floor. Then I saw led to me. He wrote down his

34, and he said that he had belonged to the Union of Iranian Communists which had staged an uprising in the northern city of Amol in late 1981, and that he had a degree in maths from Kansas University.

He spoke caimly, quietly: "Sixty of us were killed or arrested in the uprising. We were trying to build a liberated area from the mountains to the city. We thought the people of the city would support us. The reverse happened. Twenty or 30 members of the party returned to the forest but could not hold out. They came down to the city and were arr-

Why had he not been executed? The file had not been completed, I was told. It would eventually be sent to court, and it would be for the court to decide his fate. I understand that along with Esmansheri, this man is due to be sentenced later this month.

The chanting, the repentance, the beating of chests, went on for nearly an hour. The children with their mothers were docile. They demanded nothing. They watched, occasionally they mouthed

the words. The Prosecutor was asked if we could see the torture cells. They were the Shah's cells and they had been destroyed, he said. No one was tortured in his gaol. Stories that girls had been raped before they were shot were Western propaganda, he said: and no virgins had been executed either.

The report from the International Federation of Human Rights that prisoners sentenced to death had been drained of blood for the benefit of wounded soldiers was also propaganda, he said. "Go and ask the blood transfusion service. The prisoners are asked if they wish to donate blood and they give blood voluntarily."

And the children? "The prison is-like a hotel," said the prosecutor. "Small children live here with their mothers. It is the wish of the sisters. They want to bring their children with them. In other countries conditions are so bad you cannot keep an animal. In this place everyone can be educated."

I was told later that the prison also acts as an orphanage. I was also told, although I have no way of proving it, that some of the women with children were being held to force their husbands to give themselves up.

A statement from a sister was

read out. She said she had been six became non-committal. vague months pregnant when she was arrested. The conditions in prison The mass repentance we witwere so good that for the first four months she had kept her baby with

ference." I listened as one of the doctors,

a European paediatrician, attempted to find out from a group of mothers how their children were treated. Were they given good food? Did mother and baby share a room? The answers were beginning to come when an official arrived. The women, who were quieter. The translated replies the West. - The Guardian.

The paediatrician gave up.

nessed in Evin could have been faked. Clearly, the presence of women and children in the hall her. "Then I sent my baby outside guaranteed a measure of obeto grow up. That was my predience. We saw, at most, half the prisoners and less than half of the

But if it was genuine, and many psychologists and psychiatrists who saw it believe it was, it was a demonstration of the awesome power of Khomeini and of the Islamic Revolution - a power that has been misunderstood and beginning to open up, became hence underestimated, by many in

LETTERS

Wait a minute Mr. Cabby

To the Editor:

It is difficult to express my joy on reading your article 'Capital's taxis and their zealous drivers; what a way to start a day' by 'Inad Khairallah (Jordan Times, Nov. 27, 1983).

Somehow I wanted for a long time to complain, scream and shout aloud through your newspaper. Arabic language being my failure to retaliate directly to the cabby, anyway I did go through a miserable ordeal one day as I was assigned to visit a foreign embassy in Jabal Amman. The company where I worked called for a taxi; I had to submit some papers and return to the office by

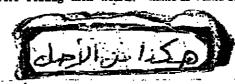
the same taxi, the cabby being duly informed of all the procedure. I stepped into the cab with a pleasant 'Marhaba' accompanied by a sweet smile which was returned by a grunt - or at least it sounded like one. I reached my destination; the cabby ordered me to move out and pay him his fare. In my broken Arabic I managed to tell him that the cab had been hired by the company and his charges would be paid by the company. He refused. Not wanting to start an argument in the morning, I decided to pay him. Unf-

ortunately I did not have change, just a JD 10 note. It is beyonf my ability to express the words the cabby spilled out over not having change. He drove on to every nook and corner for "frata", but was refused with a pleasant: "La walla mafi". He then decided to drive me on to a petrol station which was less than a 100 metres from the office. Being unable to guide him, I was forced to ask him to take me back to the office. Only then could be manage to change the JD 10 note to charge me

double the fare: One and a half dinar to be exact. I could no longer control my temper, so I asked him to pay me the extra money back; he refused to peppering me with the most obscence words. I was totally helpless; all I could do was being his

door, hoping against hope not to see his face again. I really wish that cabby drivers were first taught their manners. and how to treat a woman with respect before given a driving

> Ms. O. D'Souza. Amman.



Controversy engulfs future of British Health Service

By Nicholas Phythian

LONDON - Britain is locked in debate over the future of its staterun National Health Service with doctors saying they are having to leave patients to die because of lack of money.

Opposition parliamentarians and trade unionists have launched campaigns to protect the service. which offers virtually free health care for all Britain's 54 million people.

Some critics have accused Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her Conservative government of hatching covert plans to dismantle it and replace it with private health insurance.

The debate, which has cast a shadow over the first few months of Mrs. Thatcher's second term of office, has its roots in a government bid to control the economy by curbing state spending.

But it is also part of a wider debate about government plans for Britain's welfare state, which has provided health care and a welfare safety net since 1948.

Mrs. Thatcher, who came to power in 1979 and won reelection with an increased parliamentary majority in June. says the health service is safe in Conservative hands.

But her government has unveiled a series of measures which health officials say force them to flimit, suspend or even end services

because of lack of money. First it imposed strict limits on spending, ensuring that they kept

within their budgets. Then it called for a cut of almost one per cent in the work force, manpower savings in the largest employer in Western Europe.

In the event, it settled for a one half of one per cent cut in the work force of around one million but health officials say doctors' and nurses' jobs will be among the 4.800 that will go.

In its defence, the government says spending on state health care has almost doubled to £15.5 billion (\$23.2 billion) a year since it came to power in 1979.

It argues that the £40 million (560 million) a year saving from job cuts will go on patient care. But many inside the service say the government squeeze is forcing them to cut services that are air-

eady inadequate. One of Britain's leading kidney specialists. Anthony Wing, says doctors have to watch 2,000 kidney patients die every year for want of £50 million (\$75 million) for dialysis and transplants.

"Limited facilities for treatment have made it necessary for British physicians to practise selection to degree which seems strange, even barbaric, to our colleagues in other civilised countries." he wrote in the British Medical Jou-

Another specialist said 50 heart patients in his care could die because he lacked funds to buy sufficient pacemakers.

A third said he was having to turn away critically ill babies from a leading London hospital because it lacks the money and space to treat them.

The British Medical Association, which represents almost two thirds of Britain's 70,000 doctors, says it is worried about the ther cuts.

The Royal College of Nursing, which represents half Britain's 450,000 nurses, says the government is demanding too much, too quickly, and warns that patient care will suffer.

Both are conducting surveys to show just what effect the squeeze is having on patient care. One London kidney specialist

has gone further and urged colleagues to join him in securing official investigation of cases where patients die because of spending

"If a patient in my care dies because I'm unable to offer him treatment due to cuts in the health service I would refuse to sign the death certificate and would refer the case to the coroner," he told

The Welfare State, a legacy of the radical reforming Labour government elected in the aftermath of World War II. swallos a growing share of the nation's wealth

each year. This year, the government will spend over 40 per cent of its £120 billion (\$180 billion) budget supporting it.

But a study by a London charity foundation suggests that the hea-Ith service, which accounts for just one third of welfare spending. provides health care more cheaply than alternative system in most other Western countries. It says health care in Britain

costs an estimated \$420 a head compared with \$1,520 in the United States. For that, all Britons get free

medical care, apart from some charges for drugs, speciacles or

Public opinion polls suggest that most Britons want the government to pump more money into state health care.

But the ruling Conservatives are solit between those who are anxious to redeem a 1979 election pledge to cut personal taxes and those who want to maintain welfare cover at a time of near record unemployment.

Mrs. Thatcher herself, despite a pledge to roll back Socialism in Britain, said in June: "I have no more intention of dismantling the National Health Service than I have of dismantling Britain's def-

But her government has taken steps to privatise some aspects of the service in a bid to trim spe-Social Services Secretary Nor-

man Fowler has urged health off-

icials to ask private companies to clean or cook in hospitals where this would save money. Health Minister Kenneth Clarke, his deputy, has advised them

to farm out some patient care to the private sector. But some moderate Conservatives have grave misgivings. 'I think it is the height of pol-

itical folly to attack or tinker with an institution that is as popular and important." former cabinet Minister Norman St-John Stevas A growing number of Britons, disenchanted with national health

waiting lists, are opting for private health care and health insurance companies have almost doubled the number of people on their books to over four million since

'Leaks': A long-standing problem in U.S.

By Richard K. Willard

WASHINGTON -- Classified information is unlawfully disclosed to the U.S. media with stariling frequency. These unlawful disclosures, commonly called 'leaks," damage U.S. national interests by providing valuable information to adversaries and by impairing the conduct of American national security policy.

President Reagan's directive to protect against these unlawful disclosures deals soley with classified information. By executive order. classification cannot be used to conceal violations of law, inefficiency, or administrative error. or to prevent embarrassment to a government agency or employees.

The unauthorised disclosure of

classified information has been inistrative sanctions can include. Central Intelligence Agency for demotion or firing. specifically prohibited by a series of executive orders dating back to 1940. Virtually all such dis-

directive is totally new. What it closures are also likely to violate requires is more uniform app- puse of pre-publication review is one or more federal criminal stalication of pratices that are already followed in parts of the gov-

For example, the polygraph is already used on a regular basis in our intelligence agencies and for arrassing or critical. certain purposes elsewhere in the government. The new directive authorises a limited expansion in the use of this technique to investigate unlawful disclosures.

Another provision increases the eements have been used by the clossres. USIA

years, and in 1980 the Supreme None of the provisions in the Court approved their use in Snepp vs. United States. The sole purto permit deletion of classified information before it is made public. This programme does not permit the government to censor material because it is emb-

Unlawful disclosure of classified information is a longstanding problem. President Reagan's directive is not expected to solve the problem overnight. We number of government employees do expect that it will improve our who are required to sign agr- ability to enforce the law, and, eements for pre-publication rev- over time, reduce the frequency iew of future writings. Such agr- and seriousness of such dis-

'Reagan abusing Freedom of Information Act'

By John Henry Faulk

WASHINGTON President Reagan ought to be ashamed of himself! One moment he is posturing and pronouncing in his best open "I'm really sincere" manner about the need for good government and making it res-ponsible to the people. In the next breath, he's doing his best to subotage the Freedom of Information Act, one of the most crucial protections that the people have against the abuse of power by the fed-

eral bureaucracy. What does President Reagan think brought about the act in the first place? It was public outrage over high-handed abuse of power by persons in the federal government. Surely he's aware that scarcely a week passes without a

new revelation of wrongdoing by a government body coming to light. thanks to the Freedom of Information Act.

tutes. While enactment of a new

criminal statute could be useful in

some cases, it is clear that leaks ar

There is no (constitutional)

First Amendment right to leak

classified information to the press.

Government employees who are

entrusted with such information

have a fiduciary duty to protect it

from unauthorised disclosure. The

president's directive makes it clear

that employees who deliberately

violate this trust will be denied fur-

ther access to classified inf-

ormation. Additional adm-

already against the law.

A prime example of the act's efficacy is my own Federal Bureau of Investigation fite. I managed to get it several years ago under the act's provisions. The file consists of some several hundred pages, stretching over 30 years of political surveillance (if one can properly describe the systematic collection of gossip, distortions. misrepresentations and outright lies as suverillance).

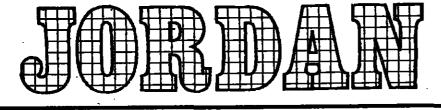
In all the hodgepodge of nonsense and distorted facts in the file, there is not a scintilla of evidence to be found that the FBI ever suspected me of having violated the law or of any criminal behaviour whatever. There is, however, an abu-

ndance of evidence that (former FBI Directors J. Edgar Hoover and his minions not only flagrantly violated the law but coldbloodedly collaborated with third parties and political opponents of mine to do my reputation great hurt and harm. All of this rescality was carried on without my knowledge and was only discovered years later through the Freedom of Information Act.

The file reveals a vindictive. power-mad public official, J. Edgar Hoover, carrying out a vendetta against a private citizen. And that is about all.

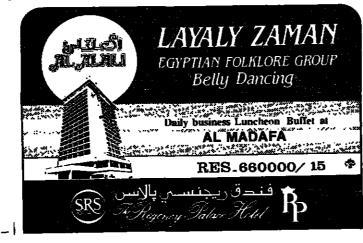
Friends of mine who are former FBI agents have examined the file: they estimate that the comnilation over 30 years represents iens of thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money (including mine). absolutely wasted.

When the new constitution of the United States was sent out to be ratified, the ery went up that it had no Bill of Rights. The constitution's opponents were quite vocal in their distrust of a federal government with so much power. The proponents promised that it the constitution were ratified, one of the first acts of government would be to amend it to protect the people against the tyrannical use of power by government. And the crosion of those guaranteed freedoms during the McCarthy period made the Freedom of Information Act an absolute nec-

















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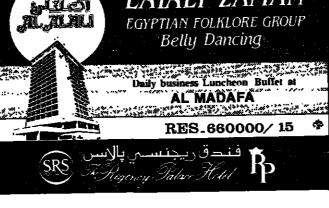
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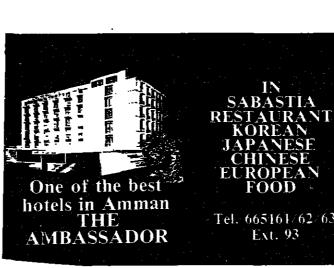
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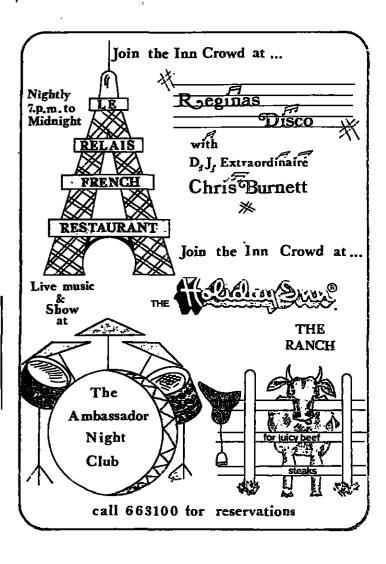
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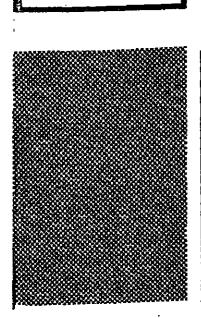
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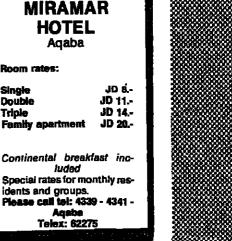
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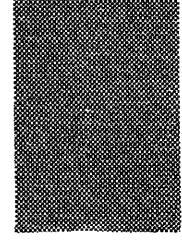


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zonal divisions based on geo-

graphy have been scrapped and

rising tennis star Jo Durie gave

world number one Martina Nav-

ratilova food for overnight tho-

ught as rain halted their Aus-

tralian Open quarter-final clash

with Durie leading 6-4 on Tue-

Durie, seeded eighth, was the

first player to take a set off the

top-seeded American since her

compatriot and nearest rival Chris

Lloyd in the Canadian Open final

Navratilova, who is chasing the

third leg of the Grand Slam, dro-

pped only five games in her last

two matches as she stormed thr-

staged in Mexico, the tournament will be down to 24 teams. 14 from Europe, four from South America and two each from Africa. Asia' Oceania and North-Central America and the Caribbean.

As holders, Italy enjoy the luxury of automatic qualification for the finals, leaving the other 32 European nations to battle it out for the 13 available places.

A European Football Union (UEFA) source said they would be drawn in seven qualifying sections comprising four five-team groups and three of four teams.

The first two in the larger groups and the winners in the other three will go to Mexico while the runners-up in the four-team groups will play-off for the remaining two places.

The 32 Europeans will be split into five seeding categories based on their performances in the 1982 World Cup and the 1984 European Championship.

Probable candidates for inclusion in the top-seeded category are West Germany, runners-up to Italy. France. Poland. Soviet Union, England, Austria and Bel-

The second tier could embrace Northern Ireland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia. Yugoslavia. Scotland. Denmark and Spain.

All 10 South American countries have entered and sources close to FIFA said they will be split into three groups, two of three and one of four, with Brazil. Argentina and possibly Uruguay

The group winners would then

As in the 1982 competition, Asia/Oceania will be composed of

different groups to find its two By the time the 13th finals are be Mexico-bound with the three qualifiers from the 31 entrants. boosted by the late entries from runners-up meeting for the fourth Jordan and Lebanon. qualifying place. But there is a chance the 10 A source close to FIFA said the

Durie tests Navratilova's

MELBOURNE (R) - Britain's ough to the last eight.

South Americans could compete Asians were becoming incin a League with the top four going reasingly restive because the winthrough to the finals. ners of their preliminary sections With Mexico qualifying as had to join the winner of the Ocehosts, there is only one place avaania eliminator in a final round to ilable to the remaining 17 nations decide the two eventual qualifiers. who have entered from the

FIFA would have to look at the North-Central American and Carpossibility of moving the three ibbean (CONCACAF) Con-Oceania entries, Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan to another Reports suggest the previous confederation, the sources said,

plete draw to find the continent's

two representatives.

With UEFA no longer willing to FIFA General Secretary Joseph accommodate Israel. FIFA int-Blatter told Reuters in an earlier ends moving them to the Oceania interview that he favoured an section, Israel are not affiliated to any confederation after their res-The African Confederation ignation in 1977 and subsequent with 29 entrants is anticipating a expulsion from the Asian Contwo-leg cup system with a com- federation.

In an opening set peppered with service breaks, the 23-year-old

Briton was trailing 3-0 and then

4-2 before she took a grip on her game and surprised Navratilova

with a series of fine cross-court

backhand passes and accurate vol-

Durie, ranked eighth in the

world now after her New South

Wales Open win two weeks ago.

broke the American's serve in the

seventh game and took the next

three before the referee called a

halt to the day's play due to rain.

meet American Pam Shriver, who

had a comfortable victory over

Canada's Carling Bassett 6-0, 6-1.

ying only her third grass court tou-

rnament and lacked the firepower

to trade shots with third-seeded

who staged a remarkable fig- sets 6-4, 6-4.

Shriver, a fast court specialist.

Bassett, seeded 12th, was pla-

The winner of the tie will next

UEFA Cup should produce a night to remember

LONDON (R) — A quarter of a lead over Tottenham. century ago, before jet travel took the mystery out of it. European soccer ties were magical occasions of frosty nights, shimmering floodlights, and wonderful players from far off lands.

Such matches are now commonplace. Even so, Wednesday's European Football Union (UEFA) Cup third round secondleg tie between Glasgow Celtic and Nottingham Forest should be one to cherish.

The fact both clubs are British is incidental. It will be Scotland versus England, playing for a place in the UEFA Cup quarter-finals in front of 65.000 fanatical spectators - over 58,000 of whom will be standing - at Parkhead.

Nor is the clash of the two former European Cup winners in Glasgow the only tie with an air of

magic about it. Few could fail to be excited by he prospect of Bayern Munich of West Germany, Champions of Europe from 1974-76, travelling to London guarding a slender 1-11

htback to win their quarter-final

The powerful West German

But Jordan, who turned 24

three days ago, started to achieve

more rhythm in her serve and swi-

tched tactics to attack the net. As

she came under more pressure.

Hanika faltered in her service

games and Jordan fought her way

lead and clinched the first set as

Hanika's return landed outside

the delayed quarter-final between

fourth-seeded Australian Wendy

Furnbull and American Zina Gar-

In the men's singles. Swedish

The American cruised to a 6-2

Jordan will meet the winner of

through to a tie-breaker.

the baseline.

West German Sylvia Hanika. Davis Cup player Joachim Nys-

seeded to meet Navratilova in the trom was facing a straight sets def-

final, fell surprise victim to Ame- eat by young American Tim May-

rican ninth seed Kathy Jordan otte, who captured the first two

rison, seeded sixth.

had raced to an early 4-0 lead and

appeared to have found a smooth

path through to the semifinals.

supremacy

match 7-6, 7-5.

A capacity crowd of 50,000 will pack the White Hart Lane terraces menigge and Glenn Hoddle, keeping one eye on the Tottenham substitutes' bench where little Osvaldo Ardiles will be waiting to make his return after nine months of injury.

But the night belongs to Glasgow and Parkhead stadium, a cauldron of noise and emotion and the scene of so many memorable European ties in the past.

Brian Clough's Forest, a pale imitation of the side which lifted the Champions' Cup in 1979 and 1980 but still one of the most professional outfits in the land, were held to a goalless draw in the first leg and will not relish their trip

north of the border. Celtic. too. exist on past memories, particularly of 1967 when Jock Stein's brilliant attacking side thrillingly beat Internazionale of Italy in one of the truly great European Cup finals.

For better or worse, Charlie Nicholas has moved on to Arsenal but Forest still have to contend with Paul McStay, a 19-year-old with the vision of Jim Baxter and the tenacity of Billy Bremner.

Clough has admitted Forest were fortunate to emerge from the first leg on level terms and if McStay can gain control of the midfield, as he did in Nottingham. Celtic's name should go into the hat when the draws for the quarter-finals of all three competitions are made in Zurich on Friday.

Tottenham. UEFA Cup winners in 1972, will also be narrow favourites to advance to the last eight at the expense of Bayern.

Hoddle, so disappointing in the first leg, always blossoms on home to watch Karl-Heinz Rum- soil and with Steve Archibald back at his very best in front of goal the West German face a fraught 90

Holders Anderlecht of Belgium and Internazionale should also qualify, although it remains to be seen if the Italians will be allowed to continue in the competition.

They are awaiting the findings of a UEFA inquiry into an alleged bribery attempt in their second round tie against Dutch club Groningen and although they should overturn Austria Vienna's 2-1 first-leg advantage they could be thrown out later this month.

Inter's problems do not end there. Midfielder Graziano Bini pulled a thigh muscle during the 1-1 draw at Avellino on Sunday and will probably sit it out along with suspended international defender Giuseppe Bergomi.

The one consolation for the Milanese is that they will at last be able to return to the magnificent San Siro stadium after having to play the home legs of the first two rounds on neutral ground because of misbehaviour by their fans in last season's Cup-Winners' Cup.

Anderiecht, 100, know all about crowd trouble. They were held to a 1-1 draw by lens in France in the first leg when goalkeeper Jacques Munaron, distracted by a missile, allowed a pass-back from Danish international Kenneth Brylle to slip under his foot and into the net.

The French are likely to suffer the consequences for their fans'

VIENNA (R) - Czechoslovakia said on Tuesday the United States was breaking international law by politically vetting competitors in the 1984 Olympic Games at Los

U.S. Olympic visa vetting under fire

The official Ceteka News Agency quoted the Communist Party daily Rude Pravo as saying the United States had prepared questionnaires for competitors applying for visas to go to Los Angeles competitors.

for the summer Olympics.

One of the questions concerns the political affiliation of the applicant and this is at variance with international law," it said.

Rude Pravo said the games should be an affair of the entire people and urged the United States to do what Yugoslavia was doing for the winter Olympics at Sarajevo -- waiving entry visas for Olympic

India out to make amends

JAMSHEDPUR, India (R) -World Cup winners India, smarting after three successive defeats, will be eager to repair their dented pride when they meet the ramoant West Indian cricketers in the fourth one-day international here on Wednesday.

The indians have suffered a series of maulings at the hands of their guests and trail 3-0 in the five-match one-day series and have lost two of the first four tests.

West Indian captain Clive Lloyd is certain to retain his fearful battery of pace bowlers who have battered the Indian batting line-up into submission in most of the matches played on this tour so

Maicolm Marshall, probably the quickest in the world at present, spearheads an attack which is expected to comprise Andy Roberts. Michael Holding and a fourth

Off-spinner Roger Harper may

also be included to add variety after his fine all-round performance with bat and ball in the West Indians' last three-day match which ended on Monday."

Harper took eight wickets and scored 37 runs as the West Indies raced to an innings victory over East Zone. Maestro Viv Richards and one-

ners Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes have all produced big scores in recent matches to strengthen an already formidable batting line-up headed by Lloyd himself.

Indian skipper Kapil Dev leads a demoralised team only slightly consoled by star middle order batsman Mohinder Amarnath's recent return to form.

Amamath, who played a leading role in India's triumph in the World Cup in England last summer, broke a lean spell in the last one-day match in indore last week. He scored 54.

Kasparov levels series against Viktor Korchnoi

LONDON (R) — Russian chess aiming material he had sacrified on prodigy Gary Kasparov leveled his World Championship elimination match against Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi Monday night by winning the sixth game.

Korchnoi, left with king and rook against king and queen, resigned after the 20-year-old Kasparov's 77th move.

Korchnoi won the first encounter in the 12-game series. which was followed by four draws. The score now stands at 3 to 3.

Rash play after adjournment brought Korchnoi a lost ending in which Kasparov promoted a pawn to a queen.

Korchnoi, 52. battled on for 10 moves after observers considered his position hopeless.

His defeat surprised experts as the adjourned position had been considered drawn by both camps and Korchnoi is a renowned virtuoso of the end game.

There was some speculation that Korchnoi had been trying to set traps to win a position where a draw was the most he could hope for. Such suicidal optimism has cost him dearly in previous title

Kasparov, 20, began the second session of the sixth game by regSunday night and emerged with a positional advantage. Korchnoi. playing white, had risked his lead in the series by attempting complex and dangerous

moves in the first session. in the other match, Soviet former World Champion Vasily Smyslov and Hungarian gra-ndmaster Zoltan Ribli began their seventh game. Once again Smyslov, 62, an-

acked with youthful vigour, piling the pressure on his 32-year-old opponent and leaving him in grave trouble at the adjournment. As kibli sealed his 42nd move

expert opinion gave him little chance of escaping a defeat which would put Smyslov ahead 412 to 2½ in the 12-game series. The winners of the two matches

will meet to determine a challenger to World Champion Anatoly Karpov of the USSR.

Pakistan prepares for 3rd test

ADELAIDE (R) - The Pakistan cricket team arrived in Adelaide Tuesday for the third cricket test against Australia starting on Friday and manager Intikhab Alam immediately ordered a rest day. Intikhab said his side would relax completely after Monday's

confidence-boosting seven-wicket win over Victoria. He said the players would have their first practice on Wednesday morning, possibly at the indoor

nets if the weather had not improved. Intikhab said 20-year-old batsman Saleem Malik, called to reinforce the side, would arrive on Wednesday, But whether he played on Friday hinged on the fit-

ness of Mansoor Akhtar who was nursing a broken finger. Acting captain Zaheer Abbas refused to discuss criticism of his leadership and said the tourists were not worried by attacks on their dismal showing in the first

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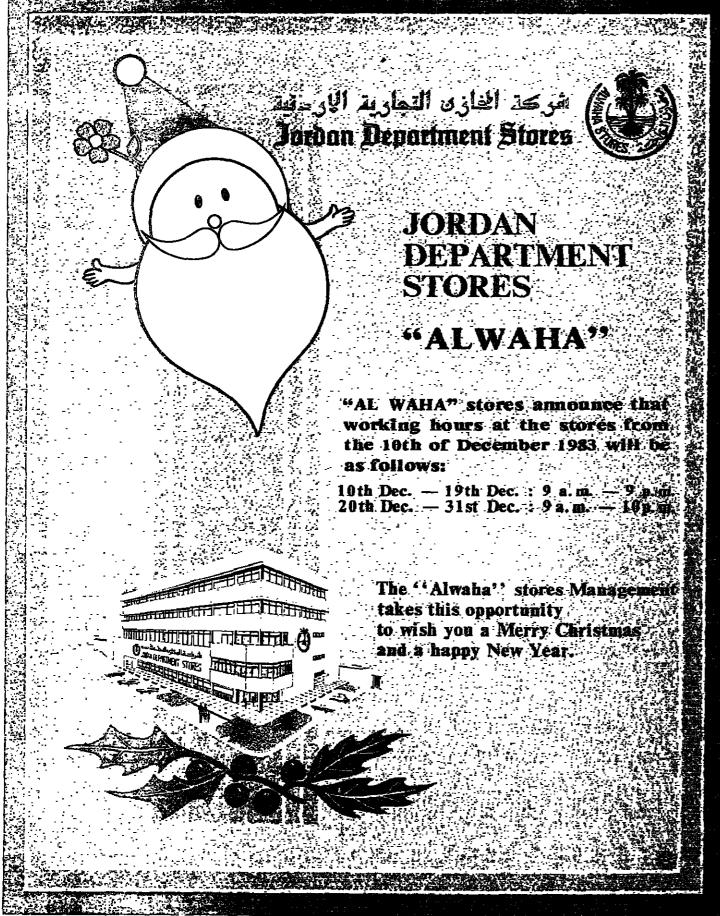
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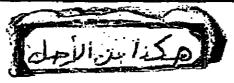
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Australia seeks bigger food market in Egypt

CAIRO (R) - Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister Lionel Bowen arrived in Cairo Tuesday for trade talks which the Australians hope will increase sales of meat to Egypt.

Mr. Bowen, on a tour that has already taken him to Bahrain and Kuwait, was due to meet Egyptian Prime Minister Fuad Mohieddin, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and the ministers of economy. electricity and supply.

Australian sources said he might also meet President Hosni Mub-

The sources said the prices of Australian food products here was high because of the distance between the two countries and this was an obstacle to any immediate increase in Australian sales of farm products other than grains.

On grains, they said Australia could not realistically hope to sell more wheat immediately to Egypt, after selling 2 million tonnes last September.

The sources said Australia was not prepared to jeopardise the quality of products such as meat, beef and mutton to compete with prices of other suppliers. Mr. Bowen would seek ideas to enable the two sides to get round

these problems, they added. The sources said Australia won several tenders for the supply of

meat in the past, but was generally left out of the Egyptian market because of heavy subsidies by the European Community on its farm exports which Australia could not match.

They said the talks might also deal with Australian uranium exports to Egypt which plans to generate 40 per cent of its electricity from nuclear energy by the year 2.(88).

But they ruled out any commitment by Australia during Mr. Bowen's visit. They said Australia's uranium export policies were

Mr. Bowen arrived in Cairo from Kuwait, where he said Australia would welcome Kuwaiti investment in his country, particularly in

'We don't want dominating investment'

Asked whether the Australian government would impose any limits on investment, Mr. Bowen said: "I don't think there's any limit... but we want investment which is of beneficial interest to Australia and also guarantees the investor a good return. We don't want domination by foreign investment." he said.

Kuwaiti officials and businessmen seemed to be aware of the sort of investment Australia would welcome, he added.

Mr. Bowen, who met senior officials including the crown prince and prime minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah, and minister of commerce and industry Mr. Jassim Al Marzouk said no trade agreements had been signed during his visit but there was general agreement that bilateral trade should be boosted.

Mr. Bowen said there had been negotiations on sales to Kuwait of military technology but gave no details.

He said he understood that the Gulf Cooperation Council states -Saudi Arabia. Kuwait. Bahrain. the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman — were considering building grain storage facilities. Australia's main exports to Kuwait are wheat and meat and its

main imports oil and refined products. After Cairo. Mr. Bowen is due to visit Cyprus and Saudi Arabia.

People Express gets permit for more flights

LONDON (R) - People Express, the cut-price U.S. airline, has been given British government permission to offer more flights on its London-New York service, a company official said Tuesday.

The "no-frills" airline, which since May has offered 5 flights a week from Gatwick airport to Newark, New Jersey, at £102 (\$149) for a one-way flight, will start daily flights from April 1, 1984, the

The airline won its extra rights after talks in London last week between the U.S. State Department, Britain's Transport Department and aviation authorities.

A fransport Department spokesman said that despite excess capacity on the busy transatlantic routes. People Express was not seriously challenging existing airlines.

By cutting out meals and some luggage facilities it was offering a



and you were trying to make a noose out of dental floss?"

Reagan administration starts | Israel optimistic on free drafting election year budget

year on a robust economic recovery and the lowest inflation rate in a decade, is drafting a budget it gan's handling of the economy. hopes will maintain the mom-

Under the U.S. budget system, Congress has final say on the plan proposed by the White House and usually rewrites it.

By a quirk of the government's accounting procedures, the budget that actually determines the level of federal spending, taxes and deficit until September 1984 is already in place.

It calls for spending of \$850 billion and projects a deficit of \$170 billion, with both figures based on spending cuts and tax boosts Congress has yet to adopt.

But the fiscal year 1985 budget paring for submission to Congress ential to help reduce the huge fed-

tral bank secretary drew funds

increases. Finance Minister

when the money supply thr-

International Monetary Fund

(IMF), Mr. Kafaoglu told the eco-

The revelation apparently exp-

lained a 25 per cent leap in cur-

rency in circulation recorded in

the two weeks up to Nov. 3, three

Figures published that day sho-

wed money in circulation had rea-

ched 735,7 billion lira (\$2,7 bil-

nomic daily newspaper Dunya.

day quoted as saying.

ANKARA (R) - Turkey's cen- billion) on Oct. 14.

Adnan Baser Kafaoglu was Mon- Kafaoglu told Dunya.

from the state-owned agricultural up fast. Money was being drawn bank for over a year up to last from the banks and I.MF limits

month to conceal money supply were being strained. We found a

The system was introduced Ziraat Bankasi (Agricultural

eatened to break limits set by the tral bank. On Monday morning, it

days before the first general ele-ctions since the 1980 military ance sheets like this to the new

lion), up from 587.9 billion (\$2.2 - IMF, which extended a \$240 mil-

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Stocks closed mostly firmer in subdued trading

after U.K. money supply figures in line with market expectations.

dealers said. At 15(ii) hours the F.T. index was up 3.7 at 745.7.

394 and GEC firmed 2p to 196 ahead of interim results next

ICI gained 4p to 646, Glaxo rose 7p to 760, BTR added 7p at

In generally weak oils B.P. was a net 4p lower at 388 on further

consideration of Monday's poor results from its Alaskan well and

4 point after the U.K. money supply announcement. North

Trafalgar House lost 3p of an earlier 5p rise at 204 after

increased full year profits. Property shares firmed in sympathy

In firm brewers Greenall Whitely gained 7p to 118 and Vaux

Ranks Hovis McDougall fell 1/2p to 761/2 after announcing

Banks met investment demand with Bank of Scotland and Nat

annual profits in line with market expectations. Coalite group rose

West both 10p firmer at 649 and 659 respectively. Gold shares

also ahead of the OPEC meeting Wednesday.

ni bonds extended e

rose op to 213 both after full year results.

American stocks were mostly lower.

with MEPC 9p higher at 278.

4p to 170 after interim results.

were mixed with a firmer bias.

Reagan administration, coasting will be debated and enacted in beyond. into the 1984 presidential election some form during the election year and the one on which voters will be asked to judge Mr. Rea-

Mr. Reagan, widely expected to seek another four-year term in the White House, has yet to formally announce his candidacy.

Although the administration's 1985 budget drafting is still in the preliminary stages, there is little doubt that Mr. Reagan will once again ask Congress for spending restraint in domestic programmes. cost-saving "reforms" in various social welfare programmes and continued increases in defence spending.

Far less certain is the extent to which Mr. Reagan will be willing to modify his hard-line stance against the tax boosts that even some President Reagan is now pre- of his own advisers say are ess-

Turkey concealed money supply

"The money supply was going

way of countering the IMF," Mr.

Bank) was transferred to the cen-

"This way, the real money sup-

ply situation which had to be

shown on a Friday night was not

reflected in the central bank acc-

government," he said, adding the

secret transfers had been going on

Mr. Kafaoglu told Dunya the

"When the elections drew near,

was taken back." he said.

ounts," Mr. Kafaoglu said.

since July 1982.

rly gains to s

On Friday nights money in the

increase, finance minister says

WASHINGTON (R) - The in early February is the one that eral budget deficits in 1985 and

In the \$849 billion fiscal 1984 budget he sent to Congress last year, the president refuctantly proposed a three-year \$146 billion package of "stand-by" tax increases that would become effective in 1986 under certain con-

Although Mr. Reagan had said the new taxes would be triggered only if spending cuts requested by the White House failed to narrow the deficit, his own projections for declining deficits in 1986, 1987, and 1988 relied on revenues from the tax boosts.

The measures, which included a S5 per barrel fee on crude oil and a 5 per cent surcharge on federal income tax payments, got a chilly reception in Congress and were never seriously considered. The White House did not complain.

lion. I-year standby credit to Tur-

key last June to succeed a previous

\$1.6 billion 3-year facility, had

recently been informed of the sec-

"They said they were aware of

Mr. Kafaoglu said in fact there

had not been a real jump in the

money supply before the ele-

ctions, which many economists

had blamed in part for a series of

The central bank's latest figures

published past weekend showed

currency in circulation dropped

between Nov. 4 and 25 by 57.4

billion lira (\$212.5 million) to

This represented an increase of

135.6 billion lira (\$502 million) or

25 per cent over the figure of

678,3 billion (\$2.5 billion).

recent retail price increases.

ret transfers.

end of 1982.

One U.S. dollar

it." Mr. Kafaoglu said.

trade pact with U.S.

NEW YORK (R) — The Israeli government believes Washington might grant it free trade status in a matter of months in a move that could increase Israeli exports to the United States by \$1 billion a year until 1990, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt said Monday.

Mr. Patt. in New York to reasure bankers of Israel's financial well-being, said that during recent meetings between Prime Minister itzhak Shamir and President Reagan Israel had received a firm commitment of administration support for the plan, which would end all tariffs and quotas in trade

between the two countries. "During meetings between Mr. Shamir and Mr. Reagan we were given the good word from the horse's mouth that the United States had decided to go ahead." he

He said he had discussed the free trade issue with prominent members of the U.S. Congress earlier this year and had received favoured comment, though no firm commitment, that the plan would pass quickly through the U.S. legislature.

Mr. Patt told Reuters in an interview he had been discussing the free trade issue with U.S. trade representative Mr. Bill Brock for two years and that recent escalated hostilities seemed to have speeded up its possible implementation.

"The United States has started plan.

acting like Israel is a blessing, a could be finished in months." strategic asset that can serve the global security interests of the United States through economic strength," he said.

such a trade imbalance can carry this heavy burden. Israel is expected to have imp-

orted between \$4 billion and \$5 billion in U.S. goods in 1983. while its exports to the United States are likely to be around \$1.5 billion he said.

He said another reason for U.S. approval of the plan was that Isrwith the European Community by in January. 1987 and this could "lose American goods a nice market".

but given a substantial increase in per cent. exports to the United States, "we uesting aid."

Mr. Patt travels to Washington per cent in November. next week to discuss details of a

An agenda for the January meeting still has to be set, he said, as well as the diplomatic level at which the talks will take place and the venue.

Fechnical talks on the plan have aiready taken place, he said.

"It cannot be done in weeks, I would say." Mr. Patt said. "but we

He said that the plan could increase Israeli exports to the United States by \$1 billion a year through 1990 and that Israel was planning He added, "no country with a major push in the area of high technology to provide the American market with needed pro-

Shekel falls to parity with U.S. cent

Meanwhile, Israeli commercial banks Monday set the rate for the fast-depreciating shekel at 1 U.S. ael would have free trade status cent, only around 1/3 of its value

The swift fall of the shekel to 100 to the dollar from 34 at the He said internal politics in the beginning of the year reflects the United States did not seem likely continued high rate of inflation. to permit an end to aid to Israel. which is running at an annual 160

Prices jumped 21.1 per cent in would have no cause to be req- October and Israeli newspapers forecast they will rise a further 15

The shekel's decline also stems meeting to be held in January that from continuing growth in Israel's will give a timetable to the imp- balance of payments deficit, with lementation of the free-trade exports failing to keep pace with the still high rate of imports.

Nakasone promises tax, spending freeze

KYOFO, Japan (R) - Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, campaigning for general elections on Dec. 18, has promised measures to revive the economy including a freeze on taxes and government spending.

During a stop in the ancient capital of Kyoto Tuesday he said a 542.7 billion (S2 billion) at the new Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) government would not

U.S. dollars

Canadian dollars

Dutch guilders

Belgian francs

French francs

Italian lire

Japanese yen

Swedish crowns

Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

Norwegian crowns

Swiss francs

West German mark

next year's budget to the same iness. level as this year.

big trade surplus and strengthen in the former house. the yen in order to ward off forimports from Japan. According to the latest opinion

polls, the LDP seems assured of at least a majority in the 511-seat

house of representatives. However, it faces an uphill bat-

raise taxes and would try to hold absolute control of legislative bus-

The LDP, which has governed He pledged to try to cut Japan's - Japan since 1955, held 286 seats

Opposition parties have concign traced restrictions against centrated on the issue of political corruption after the conviction in October of former prime minister Mr. Kakuei Tanaka in the Lockheed bribery scandal.

The opposition forced Nakasone to call the election when it tle to secure the 270 seats needed boycotted parliament to press its to retain chairmanship of all 18 demand that Mr. l'anaka resign house standing committees and his seat.

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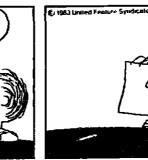
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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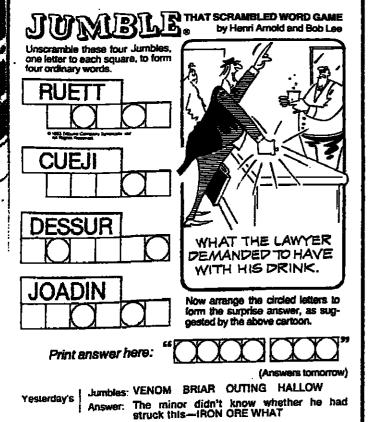
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Soviet

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reported

from Kabul

ISLAMABAD (R) - Soviet and

Afghan government troops ret-

reated from a valley north of the

Afghan capital Kabul last week

after suffering heavy casualties in

a major offensive against anti-

government rebels. Western dip-

egion, they said.

the year.

World

Australian inquiry exonerates government over KGB affair

CANBERRA (R) -- Australia's Labour government was justified in expelling a KGB agent for spying, an official enquiry reported Tuesday.

But the findings of the enquiry. tabled in parliament, criticised a senior government minister for leaking information from a cabinet meeting on diplomat Valery Ivanov shortly before the envoy: was asked to go in April this year.

The minister, Mick Young, resigned following the leaks which the report said were unauthorised. improper and gave rise to the danger of significant damage to national security.

But during an ungry debate in Parliament on the findings of the inquiry. Prime Minister Bob Hawke defended Mr. Young and said he never intended to place national security at risk and would support his return as special minister of state early next year.

Opposition leader Andrew Peacock said the government's conduct in the affair had been unprincipled, irresponsible, delinquent and negligent.

Mr. Peacock said Mr. Hawke had destroyed the integrity of Parliament and was putting the security of the nation at risk by calling for Mr. Young's return.

The enquiry, which sat for five months and examined all aspects of the country's security services. also found there was potential danger in Mr. Ivanov's close relationship with David Combe. the Labour Party's national secretary from 1973 to 1981.

The royal commission said it was clear Mr. Ivanov was cultivating Mr. Combe. who was runmade him an attractive target.



The security services surveillance of Mr. Combe after Mr. Ivanov's expulsion was also justified, the inquiry found.

It also supported the cabinet's ning a political lobbying org- decision to deny Mr. Combe accanisation. He perceived him to be, ess to ministers because of the sympathetic to certain aims of the Australian Security Intelligence Soviet Union with attributes that Organisation's (ASIO) concern that he was a security risk.

Mr. Combe said later in a statement that the report was a transparent whitewash of the ASIO and the federal government but added that it found he had breached no law, criminal or civil. In Canberra, meanwhile, dockers tried to storm the Parliament

baton-wielding police. Fighting erupted when a group of about 20 men broke away from a crowd of more than 5100 workers protesting at a government decision not to build a navy ship at

Tuesday but were beaten back by

their Sydney dockyard.

Defence Minister Gordon Scholes later met a union delegation and agreed to review options for new work at the dockyard. Union officials said that a 1,000 jobs were at risk.

Last year a 1.000 steel workers burst through a police cordon and broke down the main doors of parliament in a protest over lost jobs. Police were not issued with

Sceptics doubt if Andropov is recovering

MOSCOW (R) — A senior Kre-tion of the leader's health, which is fulfilling his state and party roles. mlin official has said President Yuri Andropov was recovering from an illness, but he gave no indication when the Soviet leader might reappear in public after an absence of over three months.

Leonid Zamvatin, head of the Communist Party's international information department, told an international news conference that Mr. Andropov was again working on Communist Party and government business.

Mr. Zamyatin's disclosure was later broadcast on Soviet television during the main evening news bulletin in a rare public men-

itary chiefs gave details Tuesday

of what they called the Soviet

Union's "overt and covert ass-

ault" to buy, obtain or steal Wes-

committee said in a statement

Moscow had saved itself billions of

dollars in time and resources by

acquiring information on a large

number of modern Western wea-

It said Soviet agents tried to

But they will not hesitate to

obtain such knowledge legally

obtain advantages by covert and

illegal means wherever this bec-

BY CHARLES GOREN

pons systems and computers.

The Atlantic alliance's military

tern high technology.

wherever possible.

usually not referred to despite being a source of speculation among Soviet citizens and Western Kremlin-watchers.

Mr. Zamyatin refused to give further details of Mr. Andropov's ailment and referred simply to an announcement last October that . Mr. Andropov, 69, had a cold. "Yuri Vladimirovich Andropov is now recovering," he said. He also refused to be drawn on

when Mr. Andropov was likely to reappear in public. But he did say the Kremlin chief, who was last seen on Aug. 18, was running the Soviet defence council as well as

anisation for the accomplishment

of technology acquisition is truly

The committee cited several

examples of modern technology

pilfered by the Soviet Union and

ign drawings of the French Mirage

F-1 fighter plane and details of the

West German Leopard-1 tank's

Other Western weapons

know-how obtained by Moscow

included France's Thomson radar,

the U.S. Honeywell laser gyr-

ossope, the French Crotale low

altitude surface-to-air missile and

the Franco-German Milan anti-

NATO details Soviet hi-tech thefts

formidable," it said.

BRUSSELS (R) - NATO mil- omes necessary and their org-

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Mr. Zamyatin also told the press conference, which was largely devoted to explaining the Soviet position on the siting of new U.S. missiles in Europe, that reports of Mr. Andropov having had an operation or being seriously ill were "insinuations" which did not correspond to the

He said he had stated all that was officially possible on the subject, a remark which further puzzled some Western diplomats looking for clues to the leader's con-

The military committee report.

which contained no specific rec-

ommendations, was issued as

NATO defence ministers gat-

hered for a regular two-day mee-

The statement said the Soviet

leadership gave very high priority

to acquiring Western technology using 47 foreign trade associations, more than 300 import-

export firms and scientific com-

mittees as well as the KGB and

stopping such technology leakage

were avoided by the use of third

countries, the statement added.

Western embargoes aimed at

GRU intelligence services.

tank weapon.

ting.

There have been growing doubis on Mr. Andropov's health since he failed to appear at a Red Square military parade on Nov. 7.

Western diplomats said Mr. Zamyatin's comments would do little to ease speculation about Mr. Andropov's condition. "If Andropov is recovering,

why didn't Zamyatin say he would reappear," one diplomat asked. He said it would have been easy

to settle the debate about the Soviet leader by stating he would attend a parliamentary session due

Warsaw attacks Walesa



WARSAW (R) - Poland's communist rulers have derided a call to the West by solidarity leader Lech Walesa to lift sanctions imposed during martial law and resume financial aid for the country's

by Mr. Walesa, who said help should be dependent on the West having a voice in how the money was spent, was a gimmick.

Mr. Urban described Mr. Walesa as a man whose influence as a focus of opposition was waning. Mr. Walesa spoke in the Baltic part of Gdansk, where he lives, at

ance of the departure of his wife Danuta to Osio where she is due to receive his Nobel Peace Prize for him on Dec. 10.

Mr. Walesa told reporters the sanctions imposed by the West should be lifted now before they

Mr. Walesa also suggested that the West, led by the United States which takes the toughest line against Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski's government, should start pumping in financial aid again despite outstanding Polish Wes-

The idea was coupled however with the proviso, clearly unacceptable to the Warsaw authorities, that creditor countries should have a voice in how the take over

"The suggestion looks mischievous unless Walesa has something up his sleeve," one Western source said. "The last thing Jaruzelski wants is for (U.S. President) Reagan to be in a position to tell him how to run Poland."

Reporters from the controlled Polish media were at Mr. Walesa's news conference for the first time but his statements were ignored by radio and television bulletins Monday night.

Shuttle awaits Houston decision on next move

HOUSTON (R) - The space shuttle Columbia's crew Tuesday awaited the latest weather forecasts and a decision on whether their mission would be extended one day until Thursday.

If weather is forecast to be satisfactory at the landing site at Edwards Air Force Base, California, the Columbia will return on Thursday. 10 days after its launch from Florida.

lomats said here Tuesday. The diplomats, quoted reports from their embassies in Kabul. set Wednesday instead of Thu-rsday, stowing of equipment and other final housekeeping activities would have to be done Tuesday. said the rebels captured around two dozen Soviet soldiers alive. They also shot down three hel-

copters and destroyed or disabled two to three dozen tanks and armoured personnel carriers in Guldara (flower valley) in the Shomali The diplomats had no firm est-

imate of the dead or wounded but The additional time would said the casualties were reported to be heavy in the operation from Nov. 26 to Dec. 2. They said it was one of the most intensive barries of About 2.500 Soviet troops and

Scientists who designed expa lesser number of Afghan troops involved in the offensive retreated from Guldara last Friday and three truckloads of the Soviet wounded were seen being driven to a Soviet military hospital in

Kabul, the sources said. The diplomats said the rebels suffered significant casualties but were jubilant at the outcome which they believed had avenged their rout in the region in October when the town of Istalif was almost destroyed.

Civilian casualties were expected to be light as a large part of the population migrated to Kabul after the October fighting, they said.

The diplomats said they believe the October rout had galvanised the resistance groups to end their infighting and put up a united fight against the Soviet and government

Fighters from all resistance groups took part in the Guldara fighting as well as from the nearby Panisher Valley where the rebels are led by well-known resistance commander Ahmad Shah Masood, the diplomats said. They said unusually large num-

ber of Soviet MiG fighter planes and helicopters gave air cover to tanks, APC and BM-21 multiple rocket-launchers. They quoted their sources as

saying they had never before seen a greater use of MiGs and helicopters. The diplomats said they had

heard recently that Afghan rebels were having more success in shooting down Soviet helicopter gun-

protest for Reagan

spaper printed a cut-out peace message Tuesday to be sent to

President Reagan.
The message said an "anti-war referendum" had yielded 70 mil-

The daily Komsomolskaya Pravda of the Komsomol youth organisation said it was responding to readers' requests for postcard-size messages which they could cut out and send to NATO leaders as a protest against the deployment of

message was headed "I vote for peace" and told Mr. Reagan how many people had signed the peace

people on the globe, they wholeheartedly supported Yuri Andropov's statesment (on why Moscow broke off the Geneva talks on medium-range missiles)." the message read.

Next to the text was Mr. Reagan's White House address and outlines where stamps could be

new leader prepares to

eping election victory,

Official results were still being counted early Tuesday but partial 35 per cent.

Space agency officials were to tell the crew their decision Tuesday morning. If the touchdown is

Mission officials decided to try to extend the flight to enable more scientific work in the new spacelab, a European-built (aboratory carried in the shuttle's cargo bay.

allow more work on experiments that measure the energy output of the sun. Fluctuation of solar output is believed to influence weather on earth.

eriments for the spacelab have been described as "ecstatic" over results they have received. "They're like little kids showing

their new toys on Christmas," Dr. Richard Chappell, chief mission scientist, told a press conference

Dr. Chappell said exuberant scientists were stopping each other in the corridors of their Houston headquarters to report on the results already received from space.

Dr. Kurt Knott, the mission chief European scientist, called the first flight of the billion-dollar spacelab a "super mission" from a scientific point of view.

Knott and Chappell, who headed a team of more than 100 scientists, called the mission "a turning point in science."

But West German space shuttle physicist ULF Merbold swore in space Monday after throwing a wrong switch.

The accident shut off several experiments and, when he realised he could not immediately restart the instruments, he said in disgust: "Ah, fuck it."

Reporters on the ground heard his comment and it was published in the official mission transcript.

Mission commander John Young, who swore when he was on the moon in 1972, joked that he heard the remark "loud and clear" from where he was on the flight deck.

Mission scientists said Dr. Merbold's mistake did not have any adverse impact on the scientific experiments, but added that he had to spend several hours getting them working again.

India arrests 4 former military men for spying

NEW DELHI (R) — Three senior retired military officers and a civilian have been arrested under the official secret act, Indian Defence Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman said Tuesday. Mr. Venkataraman told the

Upper House of Parliament those

arrested were army Lt. Col. Jasbir Singh and two brothers, Army Maj. Gen. F.D. Larkins and Air Vice-Marshal K.H. Larkins, all retired. The civilian was named as Jaspal Singh Gill. Opposition members had dem-

anded a statement on a newspaper report accusing the Larkins of giving American diplomats top secret details of India's arms purchases from the Soviet Union.

Mr. Venkataraman said an investigation had been launched after an air force officer reported being offered a reward for giving classified information.

The minister did not mention

in his statement Asked if neighbouring Pakistan or the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) were involved, the minister replied that Parliament should await the end of the investigation.

"I would like to assure the house that steps have been immediately taken to prevent leakage of any classified information." Mr. Venkataraman said. He said one precaution had

been a ban on retired officers using the armed forces defence library which contains classified information. Retired officers could now only

the defence ministry.

The Indian Express newspaper reported Tuesday that the external affairs ministry was examining the role in the affair played by four American diplomats, two the United States or its diplomats of them still in New Delhi.

A.T. Ariyaratne, leader of the

march, said Monday night the

government and leaders of all pol-

itical parties had given their ble-

Sarvodaya social service mov-

ement, said the march would pass

Mr. Ariyaratne, president of the

ssings to the march.

Sri Lankans start 'peace walk' to promote harmony

KATARAGAMA, Sri Lanka (R) before the start of the walk. - More than 5,000 people Monday left this sacred city on a 1.600 kilometre "peace walk" across Sri Lanka to promote harmony among the island's majority Sinhalese and minority Tamils.

The marchers, led by 100 Buddhist monks and Christian, Hindu and Islamic clergy, were all dressed in white.

Tension between the Sinhalese and Tamils erupted in bloody violence last July in which nearly 400) people, mainly Tamils, were kil-

The walk began at the historic Kirivehera Buddhist shrine. Selected representatives of all

religions and ethnic communities offered trays of white jasmine flowers at a ceremony at the shrine

through hundreds of villages and end at Nagadipa in the northern province after 11% days.
"The aim of the walk is provide a spiritual foundation to a solution. President (Junius) Jay-

ewardene will provide the political foundation." he told a meeting Monday night at the 2,000-year-old Kirivehera shrine. Mr. Ariyaratne said that bet-

ween 5,000 and 30,000 people were expected to participate in the walk at any one time.

of 6 Chinese hijackers

airliner to South Korea in May. The demand was made before

Seoul's high court which also began considering a rival appeal by defence lawyers, who urged the hijackers should be freed and allowed to go to Taiwan on the grounds they are political refugees. The prosecutors said the hijackers' jail terms should be inc-

reased to up to 10 years, as originally demanded, because their act of air piracy endangered the lives of innocent travellers. The ninety-six Chinese pas-

who threaten safe air travel aga-

inst the wish of all mankind must

yers said they should not have been found guilty as the hijack the first successful one of a Chinese airliner since the communists took power in 1949 - was an emergency measure so they could defect to Taiwan.

der Zhou Changren, 35, who received the longest sentence of six years, said: "I am extremely dissatisfied with the way the Republic of Korea is handling us." We thought we would be all-

owed to go to Taiwan immediately as Korea is an anti-communist country and the Korean general we met on arrival assured us the Korean government was sup-porting and welcoming us," he

The hijackers, who shot two crew members in the leg, said the action was in self-defence because itical dissidents, but added, "those they were resisted with an axe and

COLUMN

Student dies after drinking bout

SYDNEY (R) - Scott Heaton IN, died after drinking a bottle of whisky and 15 cans of beer at an end-of-term student party, his mother said Tuesday.

U.K. study blasts Tory 'titles system'

LONDON (R) - Businessmen who donate company funds to Britain's ruling Conservative Party have an uncary way of getting peerages and knighthoods from the government, a trade union research group said Tuesday. The Labour Research Department's report said there was a "remarkable correlation' between donations to the Tory Party and the award of honours to company directors. Publication of the report was timed to coincide with a bid Tuesday by Austin Mitchell, a Labour Party Member of Parliament, to bring in a law limiting political contributions by companies. The report said that of 41 businessmen honoured by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government in the past 41/2 years. all eight of those made lords and at least 20 of those knighted were from companies which donated to the Conservative Party.

Australian postmen get free protection

SYDNEY (R) - Australian postmen and postwomen are being given free protective zinc cream after union complaints that they are getting sunburned, the post office said Tuesday.

Nuclear disarmers' ads banned in U.K.

LONDON (R) - Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), which wanted to promote its publications on television aloeside a controversial drama about nuclear war, has been refused air time by the commercial television network. The independent television contractors association said that the group's aims are political, which means it cannot buy advertising time under the rules governing TV in this country. CND wanted to run its ads alongside the U.S. film "The Day After" which will be broadeast in Britain on Saturday. The film depicts the aftermath of a nuc-

U.N. contraceptive lab begins trial run in Shanghai

PEKING (R) - A U.N.-funded laboratory designed to produce monthly injectable contraceptives for 2.5 million women has begun trial operation in Shanghai, the New China News Agency said Tuesday. The project cost \$7.5 million. One third was provided by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) and the rest by the Chinese government. A UNFPA spokeswoman in Peking said the injectable contraceptives produced in Shanghai would be used to treat women in the city itself,

Colombian cocaine seized in France

LE HAVRE, France (R) — French customs officials said Tuesday they had seized 12 kg of cocsine from a Colombian cargo ship docked in this northern French port. The cocaine, estimated to be worth 720 million francs (\$90 million), was found hidden in the propeller shaft and two fuel cans aboard the freighter Ciudad Man-

German manuscript fetches \$10.7 m

LONDON (R) - A German

medieval manuscript Tuesday became the most expensive work of art ever sold at auction when it was bought by two art dealers for E7.4 million (\$10.7 million). The previous record was \$6.4 million. paid for the Turner painting "Juliet and her name" in New York in 1980. The manuscript, auctioned at Sotheby's in London, is the lavishly-illustrated gospel book of Henry the Lion, sold by a mystery collector who has kept it hidden for decades.

North-South vulnerable. North deals. NORTH **4** 3 ♥ A K 732 **◊ J42 +** 10975 WEST

4 Q8742 **4** J 9 6 ♥J109854 ♥ Void ♦ A Q 108 0.7 4 Q86 **4 KJ32** SOUTH **4** A K 105 დ **Q** 6 ◇ K 9653 The bidding: North East South West

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Pass 3 NT Pass

Pass Pass Opening lead: Four of . Claude Delmouly has been a leading, and sometimes controversial, figure in French bridge for more than 25 years. He proved that he has lost none of his skill with this hand from a recent tournament in Holland. It should be

a strong candidate for the best-played hand of the year. East's opening bid showed 0-9 points and North's two diamond bid was a transfer to hearts. The rest of the auction was natural, and the same contract was reached at both tables of a team match. The Dutch declarer failed.

Now watch Delmouly. He captured the jack of spades with the king and immediately led a low diamond

to the jack, which held. When

East sluffed a heart on the

second diamond, declarer

BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE BY FRENCH STAR played low and West won the ten. Best defense would have been to shift to a high club, but West instead chose a low club. The ten was covered by the queen and taken by the ace, and West was thrown back on lead with a club. With nothing better to do, West chose to cash his club winner and exit with a club. East made the fatal discard of a heart, and declarer parted with a spade and a diamond. Declarer came to band with the queen of hearts but, instead of cashing the ace of spades from his now entryless hand, he continued with hearts. This was

the position: NORTH ♥ K 73 **EAST** 4 Q8 SOUTH 🕈 A 10

♦ K 9 On the king of hearts, declarer pitched a diamond, and West was in trouble. If he sluffed a diamond, he would be thrown in with the ace of diamonds and forced to lead a spade into declarer's A-10 tenace, so he parted with a spade. Now East was thrown in with a heart, on which declarer ditched the king of diamonds. West was forced to return a spade, and declarer made the last two

tricks by rising with the ace!

Honduras refuses to let in 68 U.S.

The Honduran border is a lau-

Hondurans were allowed to leave

Honduran presidential spoained tourist visas under false pretences.

Meanwhile. Nicaragua Monday

charged neighbouring Honduras

with launching a series of air and

wounded. their boat while it was fishing in

In the protest, Nicaraguan For-

eign Minister Miguel D'Escoto

said the attacks demonstrated

"the totally false desire for peace

on the part of the Honduran gov-

Nicaraguan waters.

churchwomen TEGUCIGALPAIR) - Police in helicopters and cars surrounded an Air Florida plane which landed with 68 American churchwomen aboard and forced it to fly back to

the United States, officials said. They said the women, from various parts of the United States. had flown to Tegucigalpa Monday to take part in "peace vigils" along Honduras' tense border with Nic-

nching pad for U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebel raids into Nicaragua aimed at toppling the leftist gov-ernment in Managua. Officials said armed police and security men surrounded the aircraft and refused to let any of the Americans disembark. Seven

the plane before the crew were ordered to fly back to Miami. kesman Amilcar Santamaria told reporters the churchwomen were refused entry because they planned political acts and had obt-

sea attacks against its fishermen in which one was killed and five were A strongly worded protest to Honduras issued by the Nicaraguan government said Captain Lorenzo Garcia was killed and four of his crew were wounded when Honduran aircraft and coastguard vessels made a 15-minute machine-gun and rocket attack on

stricken economy. Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said Monday the proposal

a news conference called in adv-

The union leader has declined to go himself in case the authorities refuse to let him return to

caused serious damage to the cou-

tern debts totalling \$25 billion. money is spent.

Cut-out'

MOSCOW (R) - A Soviet new-

lion signatures for peace - many from "boys and girls".

U.S. missiles in Europe. Tuesday's English-language

"In this way, like all hones

Venezuela's

CARACAS (R) — Venezuela's new president. Jaime Lusinchi, Tuesday began preparations to form a government after his swe-

returns gave Social Democrat Lusinchi 52 per cent of the vote way ahead of his nearest rival, Rafael Caldera of the ruling Christian Democrat Copei Party with

S. Korea considers fate

SEOUL (R) - South Korean state prosecutors Tuesday asked an appeals court to increase jail sentences of up to six years imposed on five Chinese men and a woman who hijacked a Chinese

sengers and crew aboard the plane returned home after negotiations that constituted the first official contacts between Peking and Seoul, which have no diplomatic relations.

Prosecutors Tuesday acknowledged the hijackers were polbe punished severely regardless of their motives or ideologies." But the hijackers and their law-

The self-confessed hijack lea-